

JOHN McCain



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Preemptive nominee. What a great sound! Doesn't sound so presumptuous as the "presumptive" sound some candidates use. It will give the voters your subtle assurance of National Security! We do all the invading around here! Do you need to worry about fellow Republicans taking such decisive action against us? Romney? No scare since before Super Tuesday. Nice hair-do, but too business-oriented. Huckabee? Religious, wasting his time joking around with Stephen Colbert (the most slippery communist free in our midst since John Lennon)! Giuliani? He's only been good in one defense battle. Florida full of ex-New Yorkers was his last chance. Paul? Obviously has a loose screw up there as he's just as liberal as Kucinich when it comes to running away from Iraq. To you none of them have ever presented enough of a threat to require a preemptive campaign attack. Mr. McCain, it's never too early to order bunker-busters into all opposing campaigns when it comes to Washington. If you just follow demographics, you won't gain as much. You will be oblivious of many voters. Just like it was for you back in '67, high in a Navy's Attacker after Charlie's small villages 5,000 feet below; The White House is within your reach...you will finally be where you belong...don't let them shoot you down again! Show them how to be a *maverick!*

Where the hell did Obama come from? In his first term as a U.S. Senator with only two years experience, with middle name Hussein, and *black* for cryin' out loud! Then he has the audacity to claim frustrated Americans "just cling to their guns or religion or apathy to people who aren't like them"—total liberal elitist patronizing! How the hell is he still drawing his votes? Just a hair above Clinton's wife for most of the year, winning states like Iowa, a mostly white, middle-of-the-road sort of state! What the heck is going on?! We don't have any time to wait around until November! A few directed media 'missiles' into his 'insurgent bunker' and he'll be finished before their convention. Better to get 'the mo' rolling before our Convention!

ZZZZZZTTTT! POP! Sizzle! Crack! Oh no, what now? The machines that count the votes have gone haywire! Seems like a hacker finally was able to tweak the machines; providing proof for what all of those liberals have been claiming: that tampering was not only possible, but likely. And by infecting them with a virus that destroyed the Vote Count Motherboard; all the results are wiped out. Gone. Vanished! So did you really dominate, or come in second? Hm...It's already September and everything about the election is now in a shambles. How can the nation restore the people's confidence in a fair and free election so close to November without total apocalyptic chaos? It's like imagining the internet crashing! The solution? Unplug everything, wait 10 seconds, then plug it all back in.

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No, the solution will be a totally new election, with **all** the candidates back in! All the Republican and Democrat primary aspirants will be back on one big ballot in November. The voters can choose whomever they like out of **all possible contenders!** Now don't worry, your Preemptive Presidency is not history – it's only just begun. This is just the first national crisis you have to solve quickly without the help of Homeland Security or FEMA that George W. liked to employ. You're **a maverick** out on your own. Just like the Hanoi Hilton. If any candidate can handle this pressure, you can. Now you need to go forward and start collecting primaries again, so you'll have the states you need in the Electoral College to win the election! A simple battle strategy!! Isn't it? Mr. McCain? **WAKE UP SIR!!!**

1. Now you will have to blow all of your party rivals away
Like you did in '67 showing fellow P.O.W.'s the way,
Taking **8th Wing east** as fast as possible over Charlie's
Speedy north-south supply trail totally full of snarlies
Flying **south on 116th** longitude high in your Attack
So fast not aware of any migs right on your back
When you **1st** saw them you had to hook **left** at 2nd chance
Ratcheting up hill of altitude with g's causing a trance
Crossing the tracks of fear you rose above war danger
Your **Main** goal now was to become a "war stranger"
You hallucinated nothing but psychedelic flowers
You had no more use for making bomb showers
Trying to *read BBG map* and dive made you queasy
Only to find that it made you too open and easy
Migs blew your plane's wings into total history
And you spiraled on down in sad heroic glory
You couldn't make it to their city's wetland ponds
Where you might have hid out under fern fronds
With no choice but to quickly pull your seat ejection lever
Like a fishing pole string under a tree branch forever
Sweeping down into water you quickly awoke
Realizing both arms and a leg had been broke
Near Tatechi's cabin in their city's main big flowery park
Hoping *Shorty's ground cover* might arrive once **at ?** dark
So now you have to think of **Iowa** as another Hanoi
Looking easy at the start it can suddenly annoy
Is it hooked to a branch and into the water?
The cabin is well-marked? Jus' wondering it is the first clue
2. Once you were captured, you had to wear a tough shell
As son of Navy Admirals, you were Prisoner Special
With Dad Commander of all **Vietnam** Forces ~~in Vietnam~~ you knew
They would be careful how they treated all P.O.W.'s near you
Of course assuming Charlie carefully researched their captives
If not, their tortures would have you praying "**Dad forgives!**"
Their tortures were much tougher than water-boarding

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You've recently flip-flopped on **for ?** vote hoarding
An After-thought?
After beaten to a pulp you yearned for beers in a fridge
As they drug you *across their lake on a floating bridge*
What you saw there now gives your campaign a clue
When they took *first chance to disembark* into que **cue?**
With no guarantee of their deciding to keep you alive
Regardless of costs you took every chance to survive
You glanced at *signs* of their *historical and industrial* progress **good**
Seeing only that communism had drug them into total regress
Finally arriving at their prison the entry they pushed you toward
Drug down stairs into dungeon you feared a Knight's sword
Old bow figureheads looked down upon you
One a beautiful blonde with eyes very blue
Like father and grandfather you must aim bow of ship
Using Cindy as figurehead despite her Sudan slip
She can attract a lot of Hillary's closet feminists
And **New Hampshire** family traditionalists
Do your best to avoid any distraction
Causing a shocking public reaction!

3. You have to capitalize on more than being a war veteran
Tying it in with Supreme Court being very "pro-gun"
Most Americans believe in using a method of fighting
Whenever faced with urgent argument deciding **fun**
We all imagine ourselves as soldiers vicariously
While on the couch chewing Cheetos viciously **precariously?**
Remind them that you were a feisty **volunteer**
To risk your life every day without any fear
Until Charlie got you and stowed you away
In cells with **South Carolina**-like condensation
Where you **p**roduced tons of perspiration
You passed the time by tending some plants
In fear of their fun in feeding you ants
Greatest fear of **a**ll was their *ring of their bell*
Meaning you'd get another visit to ~~their~~-Hell
In two years there, your hair had turned white
After **f**ive and a half, you were ready to fight
Once finally released, you rejoined Carol and home
Then things got so boring you felt you had to roam
And then arrived beautiful Cindy for refreshment
That led to dumping Carol into her retirement
Cindy had a dad, one of Bud's big **m**akers of beer
Yet you somehow knew it was not your career
Just a huge source of capital to fund an activity
That could release you from political captivity

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You began as Congressman while a Phoenix resident
Now you are ready to live in D.C. as our President! Nice ending
But as far as I know I am in VPark in the greenhouse looking for plants that make
beer or look like bells

4. Even now you still yearn for contact with the sea
As a Navy aviator, water below is still key
Even in *Florida* water you'll have a good time
Invitations catch your eye that include "Maritime"
In politics the same, you must take breaks for contact
With the seas God gave us for strategic war impact
With His help we've designed big awesome vessels
To transport our planes into brash aerial wrestles
At high speed with Communist Ramblin' Wrecks
Finding all planes with same engineers' spec's
Time to go find unions in our biggest northwest seaport
Before democrats find them and make you fall short
Start now at an enclave of veterans' ship heritage
With historic relics that still have their edge
Up on the green one down there in south park
Behind Building 10 where Virginians debark
Time to lead the workers by taking wheel in pilot house
Showing them you can drive once in the White House
You must keep an eye on their fringe's swiftboat
Ask Art to reign them in before they can float
If they destroy another candidate's military reputation
All in your name, you'll be caught in tough situation
Time to take the wheel of The United States' missions
In making your World's final government decisions.

Lake vallyst? (See Red s)

If you're going to do the letter thing, you should at least make sure they are all the same color. Forget st..we know it's a street. It just confuses. I want to point out that you have five different fonts going on here. Normal, State (bold-italics), just italics, Hot pink, red, normal bold italics, and non-italic bold..And their missing consistency in what they represent. Lake Union is first, lake in hot pink, with union as a normal italicized word by itself. Maritime is in quotes; heritage is not.

There seems to be plenty of writing talent throughout to be honest does it still require an Egyptologist? Because if I am a newbie who has done this twice before, I will not distinguish the font and figure; I will think I should join a union on a watery Florida swiftboat in a heritage museum next to a bar called "Communist Ramblin' Wrecks."

5. All other candidates are trying to make you seem older
But you are a maverick, so prove that you're bolder!
Time to take helm of a bus instead of ship into schools
Jump on out and show kids you're one of their "cools"
The Straight Talk Express can find all their "hangouts"

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Sipping a few beers carefully without any passouts
You can tell *every young person very inspiring stories*
That they *all should know* about all of your glories
Any *adults* around fringes *should also remember*
As they vote on first Tuesday in November
Oh how things were so easy during this past **Spring**
Taking party control by doing hardly anything!
Appeared Jon Stewart's show for your **4th** and **5th** time
Raking in those youngsters voting for the first time
It was our **4th** President James **Madison** who wrote
Into our Constitution that all classes could vote
And now with all women and races allowed as well
You need to spread your word with all you can sell
Time to roll up your sleeves and make every stop
Taking every stage you can atop the "soap box"
Explaining why your winning *character is destiny*
While still looking around for every lucky penny
In **New York** or Louisiana, you must still speak loudly
Proclaiming yourself the best candidate very proudly
You must place your word in a free public forum
So every class can join your election quorum **great**
But see note on little clue; also the kids and the beer are dangerous red herrings
Unless we are talking about a specific place in the library.

6. Time to get back on the bus and hit the political road
Moving on into **Ohio** for next speech to unload
There you might take a break and honor those lost
In fighting for their country regardless of cost
You must take advantage of being the **only candidate vet**
So that in this second run you will again win the bet
Just find a well-designed downtown public **setting**
To insure the best photo-ops you'll be getting
Perhaps near the **place** cellos and tenors earn pay
You can find the spot where you will find a way
To remind our country of the time Charlie had you
Adding spice of torture to your tear **jerking** brew
This will **build** up their image of your stocky strength
Doing what it takes for the U.S. at whatever length
Dedicate yourself to all soldiers lost in all of our wars
Convincing them that we will fight on other shores
To support our huge industry of big political fund donors
Like **B**oeing, Honeywell, and Northrop Grumman
Or Lockheed Martin, Sikorsky, and Raytheon
They employ thousan**d**s of Americans in the business of Kill
All **th**at might starve if we have to take liberal**s'** Peace Pill
So as you stand up **pr**oudly before the dead names
You humbly thank them all for **play**ing the game

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They **a**re all now buried deep in the dirt under trees
Our **h**onored soldiers that **wi**ll be forever at ease
I see second is buried in hot pink while the other streets are words in italics in lc.
I think it would be better if it at least second was an italicized word instead.
I take it the word McCain is your marker to indicate where to dig?

7. Another moving speech in tribute to our brave forces
Has tapped into that huge vault of voting sources
Where all Americans have to join in giving thanks
As the tears cause them all to pull out their hanks
Leaving now, smile broadly as you shake their hands
As you rush to the bus toward another state's lands
Time to make the rounds through the *western* string
With *Virginia* as prime destination **o**f this swing
The Straight Talk Express will have to stop and restock
At group of stores for supplies before they turn lock
There you might have time to take a photo-op stroll
Shaking fishy hands before stench takes its toll
You should try to grab Cindy some pretty flowers
That grow **w** so plenty in this land of rain showers
Then see if you can manage to sneak in a *Texas* break
By ducking into a beer pub for your sanity's sake!
We understand that during the course of campaign
An *old man* even as tough as you might complain
Nonstop fake smiling, hand shaking, and even *singing*
Might bleed you of **a**ll your energy left pumping **rhyme**
But just like backing Mideast wars for more crude
You can sneak a break without appearing too rude
Plop your feet up on a table somewhere in a bar
And show a cute little lady your toughest scar
But you must be very careful if anyone there sees
One with a camera might ask you to say cheese!
What do western and Virginia signify?
You sure it isn't Western and Pike? Virginia is a bit north
Do you want them on Western or come into Pike off First?
Frankly it's okay to have them park anywhere but tell them it's at intersection of
Pike Place and Pike; the bar is not on Virginia or western
What is the name of your contact at Lowell's?
There is a parking lot on western you might want to tell them about
8. Now with your Straight Talk Express fully supplied
And after all in your innocent audience have cried
The campaign must move out of town and head up north
Toward *Michigan* where you can set our recruiters forth
Take your *First* chance to make sure *Battery* checked
Still in control, but you can't afford to get wrecked
Time to find main road that can move Express quick
With *XCIX* may just be the one you want to pick

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With pedal to the medal you can bypass the Unions
So full of corruption they've lost their dominions
Oh you'll have to throw the blue collars a big juicy bone
Just bring up war and half will get on a donor ~~ation~~ phone
Once you've tipped your cap and waved with a smile
Next turn off for photo-op should be in about a mile
Take conservative opening toward sustainable-water
Quickly act liberal unlike Arizona's Goldwater nice
Just like in Navy's 46th Air Cavalry you can then zoom
Under XCIX trail toward open ocean before doom
At french Free Mountain (why not try **une montagne libre?**)you can return to
'status quo'
Head on to end where no animals are never our foe

Double negative ever?

Practice in a garden similar to that at the White House good
A beautiful photo-op backdrop for hugging a spouse
Just like those press conferences ~~White House~~, it may seem a little bit fake

Can you merge the White House reference it is so good you give it away with too much emphasis

A little too perfect without even a mouse or a snake
Too clean and homogenized, a lot like ~~perfect~~-Disneyland
With dark spaces where assassins can wield heavy hand
Stand behind a brave lion and **be** not distracted by nymphs
As you smile and wave giving right trees a glimpse.

9. Unlike a fallen powerful media mogul you can move on
To backwoods **Washington** up in the 45th parallel zone
Wave to the crowds throughout the Wallingford District
You can be sure you're the one they've already picked
It's time the bus picked up a little speed in the fast lane
Moving north to Canada border in Express McCain
Now moving so fast you don't even need to bother wave
Take a well-deserved nap before appearing at a rave
You must appeal to uneducated Everett hillbillies any**w**ay
So you might as **w**ell come into contact with their way
As you are really on a confidential campaign**n** mission
You must act **t** like you are only **y** making quiet motion
Docking for boat named after one of our best Leaders
A President **t**hat cut through parties and pleaders
In the Civil War he realized someone **h**ad to take control
And making his dec**i**sions for all concerned took its toll
But fore**v**er proved that two extremely opposing beliefs
Could be brought together with all find**i**ng their reliefs
Even though there is slip of "Mission Accomplished" vessel
Go find people that weren't brainwashed by it to wrestle
As President wearing aviator's garb would be easy for **r** you
Unlike Bush **a** little awkward obviously without a clue

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Your secret antiterrorist communication can be found
Hidden in your campaign on some unlikely ground
And right out in a typically annoying clear public display
Where every terrorist would not expect it there today
Your transmission from the Naval Station to you is stored
Allowing you a brief relief from being campaign bored

Got a problem with the isolated "E"

Campaign signs get taken. It should not be that clear.

And while we are at it, they are apparently looking for a high tech smoke signal;

Put sign somewhere. "Sign, sign everywhere a sign..."

I would have put that song on CD and given it to them in the clue before.

10. Now you know you can proceed proudly to pre-**Inauguration**
As Huckabee and Romney have no chance for selection
You must now realize even you have *California* in the bag
With support from their Austrian with muscles yet to sag
So now you, and all of us, can finally sigh with total relief
Made as we now make changes to begin a national belief
A belief in which all the world's wealth can never be shared
While still rewarding workers and helping those impaired
To achieve an image will take some-time and leadership
With which you are more than adequately equipped
To hide the huge gap between those with and those without
You will have to lead Congress and the IRS in a bout
Standing as a referee you will have to avoid crowd sneers
And blow whistle on both when any coveting appears
You will follow all the congressional rules piece by piece
And be amazed buy how they all obey you in total peace
Both domestic and international programs will fall in
Made so effortlessly you will achieve global win
To even think things could find a way to be that easy
Is enough to think that this all sounds too cheesy
You must understand that there will still be disasters
All over the world resulting in frantic newscasters
You'll have to send in our huge forces in vehicles on a mission
In efficient response systems without any hint of remission
The quick recoveries and minimization of lost lives will amaze
No one will ask questions with a great leader ~~through-maze~~ unfazed
Even one evading 9829 counts in Keating 5 bank fraud case great
You can now drive the Capitalist's Global Domination race!

Yeah I can figure out where we end up just by reading the pink letters at 9:00 a.m.
And hell it even lays out the address; who needs nine clues?

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LITTLE CLUES: title them where they are

Lil 1. Back to the speedy CDV you **m**ust quickly drive
With no time for your campaign to take a dive
Quite soon the DXX appears within view
Head toward **o**cean and bid ‘burb adieu
Prance proudly down first big ramp you find
Teleprompter users know how to follow sign
Once at your destination you’ll disembark
Once inside you seek **the** bow of a cutty sark
You must get below level of your **lobbyists**
I wouldn’t cap it
To meet in quiet with figurehead strategists
Your mind turns to Romney, chief adversary
Who stole your “mo” in the Iowa primary **great rhyme**
“He’s so eloquent!” his supporters claim
But you now know governing is no game
“He’s so inspirational!” his devoted **all** gush **great**

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They sound like schoolgirls ~~with a~~ **on a deep-seeded** crush
You know it takes more than a flowery speech
But **still**, those same voters you must now reach

excellent

Lil 2. Back on the *Straight Talk Express* bus
To go across the DXX would be a plus
To appease some liberals on XXIV Avenue
With Republican retreat in Hawaii for you
Now you can head on back to Capitol Hill
Where Senators can pass their favorite bill
There you might find **prospects** in voting fields
And find cracks in Romney's XIV won shields
You've studied works of our every great scholar
Now standing behind W.H. Seward on a pillar
Deep into Conservatives' flowered enclave
You can ring the bell and lead the wave!

**Where are you here? I lose you after fields
Is the bell in the greenhouse? Are there flowers shaped like bells?
If so, what is their latin botanical name? just a suggestion**

Lil' 3 Now is the time to avoid all those sloppy scandals
So floppy-floppy you'll need to wear sandals!
But you can't be accused of what happened in '04
Letting marginal cults come to the media fore
Even though they're Navy, you'll have to inspect
All their activities while still with total respect
You'll have to proceed ~~in~~ an openly Broad way
down
Carrying an Olive branch very peacefully gay
Good time to call Denny always right with a clue
He'll always be honest in giving you a Fair view
Even you tried to stop trashy Veterans of Swift Boat
When ripping John Kerry to just steal the vote
All under evil dark direction of that sneaky Karl Rove
Masterminding media lines he carefully interwove
Any hint of that and liberals will quickly pounce
Leaving you without enough time to renounce
So give old friend Arthur Foss a call to take a look
At the Swiftsure before they begin another book

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Lil' 4 If only Mark Salter could join you on the podiums
He always finds ways to extract your good idioms
As your ghost writer, he can capture your emotions
Onto paper you appear to have devout devotions
One of the major sources for funding the campaign
Is to sell something causing Democrats some pain
Rest assured very few liberals will check them out
So plenty await Republicans to teach how to shout
Because gaining more votes means grabbing attention
By spreading your word in a shiny public institution
Once installed consider your flyers in a Fort Knox
Covered in diamonds where your election knocks

Everything is in the Clue Sheet: the location, the type of place, the name of the book. Not much in lc; Perhaps I don't know what the flyers are. But I would take something from the CS and add a way to go, like taking Westlake south, here.

Lil' 5 With all of the kids now on the Straight Talk Express
It's again time to remind all of your POW distress
A moving TV commercial can draw out all voters' tears
Showing your crash behind lines and all of those fears
Then fading to all the names on a memorial's black wall
Will bring all lost in wars back and make them all bawl
As fountain channel below gurgles like mountain stream
The soft edge shots will almost make them scream
Slowly it will zoom in on one name that will cause shock
Showing them how you were bred with sturdy stock
Between *union* blue-collar workers or *university* elitists
They all will sadly miss our dead fighting idealists
good

Lil' 6 [*Old Man by Neil Young is rolled up in it*]
After another speech describing your escape from death
You are finding it hard to even breathe another breath
Yes, the grueling campaign trail is a very tiring grind
It's hard to stay tough but you're the feisty kind
From a hardy family line of tough Scottish blood
You find ways to avoid appearing as an old dud
But sometimes you have to sneak behind a curtain
Where you know one thing that can be certain:
A shot of straight Macallan will grant you relief
And then sing to a waitress about love belief

What is her name? These clue are dangerous...

Lil' 7 Oh if only politics worked as clean as in the old days
Back before the media nitpicking puts all in cloaks on its a haze

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A simpler time Orson Welles made all so very clear
In *Citizen Kane* with a dreaming character so dear
Back when a newspaper editor cared about the truth
Demanding all assistants willing to lose a tooth
Now, except for the Fox, they're all New York Times
If only a New York Inquirer could still see these crimes
Don't let *Citizen McKane* get depressed with memory
And drop something from your hand in a sob story
You need to grab in your hand a universal symbol of hope
A young symbol ready to grow and give us all some rope!

What is oodland? Ogh sorry there is that capitalized Red "W"

Lil' 8 You have to give it to Cindy and hope she feels hot
As approached by all your grey she's usually not
So it's time to move on to those "maybe" northern states
Telling farm workers you can provide massive rebates
Heading to the east along 46 to 45 degree angle plan
Pass fast through ~~through~~ Stones and Meridians
Until arrival at CDV full of western plebeians
Where you'll have to seem a bit liberal and hit the pedal
As you go with the flow without any outlaw meddle
Place big city behind along with shoreline and lake with echo
Echo ?

Unlike Republican Edmonds, Lynn and Everett, you know
Once at escape number 193 it's time to head to the Pacific
Don't drive until you can see a new Naval Station terrific
That's the USS Lincoln's nuclear aircraft carrier's slip
Naval entry not allowed will make especially you flip
Instead make conservative decision quickly under Maples
That will take you north to 23rd Division's field staples
Found once heading east until encountering dead end
You will realize *East Grand* has a great message sent
To you already fighting terrorists while reading your lines
As you give inspiring speech standing tall before signs
Oh there it is

How much you confuse them is all in your favor
As you grab the secrets without hint of quiver
you're the savior.

Lil 9. Well there you have it and now you just have to know
Now Master of Ceremony at the whole world's show
You must remain humble with only the best in mind
Leaving Greatest U.S. President title far behind
You have to gracefully wield all of your awesome power

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In **Inauguration** acceptance speech before balloon shower
To Speech Preparation Retreat you must return to fast lane
Head up to those who were so kind to “give” us their land
You’re always on Native American bills lending a hand
They will welcome you after **199** years seeing some justice
And show you the **Marine** way **left** without a trace of remiss
Just head west from **Virgin Mother’s town** into their forest
On shoreline path winding all the way to deserved rest .

Whatever you do, remember that after 8 miles they take a left at Tulalip Shores.
The 9829 is 9829 Tulalip Shores.

Bottom: Think the writing is excellent across the board. However, the minus is because there is no puzzle, and the emphasis on letters seems to be a crutch which is hard on the eyes and easy on the intellect. Good job, my dear student... now go sit in the corner.