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I love this dear suburban town

Where streets are shaded up and down;

Avenues cross to a park or brook,-

you stand on a bridge and dreamily look

At a painting made by Nature's brush;

Squirrel, rabbit, robin and thrush.

The quaint Clubhouse of Washington's day

Where Colony children romped in play.

"Calico Lane" and "Nanny Goat Hill,"

Living memories surround them still.

I love close kinship with growing things,

Fruit and flowers the reward it brings.

Seeds and bulbs push through the ground

With musical echoes of silent sound.

I love to live with home-spun folks

Who tell their sorrows and tell their jokes,

You tell them how you think and pray

In a warm understanding intimate way. Here is

inward peace and neighborly love, With $\ensuremath{\mathsf{God}}$

below, all around and above.

The moon-man smiles and the stars look down

On the friendly people of Nutley town.

I love to live in Nutley.

Countess Dorothea de St. Clement. Nov. 18, 1957

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