

"The Mighty Colbert"

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The time has arrived for all of us to prepare
for the doleful departure of Stephen Colbert.

How will we cope in the gaping black hole
that's left in the absence of this merry soul?

For a decade of *Late Night* and before
of satirical japes on the Colbert Report. ("*Repore*")

We've been lavished with laughter for twenty straight years
from the genius between Stephen's two mismatched ears.

Why does his exit stir up such despair?
What mysterious magic imbues *Late Nights's* air?

Stephen's wit is the source of his lunatic art,
his intelligence, wisdom, compassion, and heart.

These are the virtues that bring out the best,
in even his gravest, most humorless guest.

His monologues though, with their slaphappy quirks
clearly have been Stephen's sublime masterworks.

Each one is a targeted rotten tomato, bookended by
music from Batiste and Cato.

So, why is he cancelled?
Why trash all that pleasure?

Beware of a boss with a thin skin and no laughter.
But, don't mourn for Stephen Colbert.

He's going to be fine.
He'll only get better like aging fine wine!

With a talent so rich and discernment so rare;
There's much more to come from
"The Mighty Colbert"