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I watch C-SPAN public affairs network because . . .

There I was, a bored old housewife,
Tired of soaps and daytime drivel,
Raising children, doing housework--
I thought my brain was sure to shrivel.

Then came cable to our household
And the wasteland seemed to flourish.
Thirty channels for the choosing--
Surely one my brain to nourish!

But most were reruns of old movies,
Game shows, news, or children's fare.
Julia Child or Richard Simmons--
I could find no solace there.

And then one day I turned to C-SPAN
And my boredom turned to hope.
Kids and housework might not thrill me,
But with C-SPAN I knew I could cope.

Call-in programs with Brian Lamb,
National Press Club telecasts,
Republicans from California,
Democrats from Boston, Mass.

From the House or Senate floor,
I hear the views from every faction.
Watching the people who make the news,
I see the government in action.

Instead of just believing others,
Now I get the facts first-hand.
Armed with knowledge, I can argue,
Form opinions, take a stand.

C-SPAN really changed my life
And saved my mind from atrophy.
Thanks for cable at its best,
And Happy Anniversary!

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