

To: The Rotary Club of Fribourg, Switzerland

From: The Rotary Club of Waitakere, Auckland,
New Zealand

We know a lot about the Swiss
Their hero William Tell
He shot an apple off his son
And to the ground it fell
We don't know why he did it
But we think it turned out well
For to celebrate it all the cows
Now wear an alpine bell.

The folks all live in chalets
Upon the sides of hills
The women all wear national dress
With lots of little frills
It's muesli for breakfast
And Swiss roll for their lunch
Then fondue for their dinner
And some toblerone to munch

The young men like to yodel
Across the valleys wide
And if a maiden yodels back
They know they've found a bride
The old men all have alpenhorns
On which they like to play
They're hoping that someone will come
And take their wives away

Young Heidi's looking for her goats
They must be fairly near
But with bells and horns and yodelling
The girl can hardly hear
She's got to have them round her
For her latest photo shoot
And if she doesn't find them
Then she won't get any loot

The Swiss make lots of watches
In their factories and homes
Except, of course, in Zurich
Which is full of little gnomes
The Red Cross formed in Switzerland in 1864
When men converged from around the world
To write the rules of war
They turned the Swiss flag inside out
So everyone would know
That peoples' lives were being saved
Wherever it should show

The Swiss men all have army knives
And if you care to ask
They'll tell you there's a tool in them
To handle any task
They even have a toothpick
Now there's a stroke of luck
But you must look pretty silly
If you ever get it stuck

They haven't got a coastline
But that didn't hold them up
In a boat they called Alinghi
They competed for the cup
And after they had won it
And sailed off into the blue
We said "they only triumphed
Cos they had a Kiwi crew"

When Vincent turned up at our Club
We all declared "Who's that?"
He hasn't got his lederhose or Tyrolean hat
He's got a dark red blazer on and looks the same
as we
Except he's got a lot more hair
That's very plain to see

His English wasn't all that bad
He had a pleasant smile
And very soon we warmed to him
We really liked his style
He's been involved in everything
The Club has organized
And when he tells you what he's done
We're sure you'll be surprised

He wants to be a Diplomat
Our members all agree
He's been a credit to you all
And to his family
He met with our Prime Minister
And represented well
And when it comes to raffle tickets
He can really sell

We're really going to miss him
When he leaves our friendly shore
He's up amongst the best we've had
We cannot praise him more

VINCENT

Bon voyage notre jeune ami et bonne chance pour
la vie