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47 Presidents

We're on our 47th president, the leader of the executive branch of the American government. Let's count them up—all 47!

First father of our nation, he stood tall,
George Washington – dollar dollar bill y'all!
His VP John Adams was the second prez.
Declaration drafter Thomas Jefferson is next,
Then James Madison and James Monroe,
Then John Quincy Adams like his father before,
Our 7th president, general Andrew Jackson,
Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison,
Who only served one month,
So his running mate John Tyler had to step up,
Plenty of folks voted for James K. Polk,
Then Zachary Taylor's term didn't go as he hoped.
He died in office, Millard Fillmore took the ropes,
Then Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, though
Half the country decided to jet
After Abraham Lincoln was elected next.
The 16th president, won the Civil War,
Andrew Johnson stepped in next, for sure,
Then Ulysses S. Grant, whom no one could faze,
Until he passed the torch to Rutherford B. Hayes.
James Garfield, Chester Arthur and then
Our 22nd president, Grover Cleveland,
Then Benjamin Harrison, then Cleveland again
On his second, nonconsecutive term for the win,
Our 25th president, William McKinley,

Was assassinated, leaving his successor, Teddy
Roosevelt, serving at the turn of the century,
Are you following? We'll get to the present eventually.
William Howard Taft was elected next,
Woodrow Wilson during World War I, and that,
Meant Warren G. Harding saw less violence.
Silent Calvin Coolidge loved to keep quiet.
Herbert Hoover built a dam, but the flood set in,
A dark time for America – the Great Depression.
Then FDR, Franklin Delano Roosevelt,
Elected for a whopping four terms! Don't forget about
Harry Truman, who ended World War II,
Then Dwight Eisenhower, he rolled through,
John F. Kennedy vowed to put a man on the moon,
But his presidency was ended too soon.
JFK, assassinated at a parade.
In stepped Lyndon Johnson, or LBJ,
Richard Nixon, the only president to resign,
Because of the Watergate break-in and all the lies.
Gerald Ford finished his term, in time,
Jimmy Carter became number 39.
Ronald Reagan went to politics from Hollywood,
Then came George Herbert Walker Bush.
Bill Clinton in the '90s, son,
Then came George W. Bush, H.W.'s son,
And the next White House resident
Was Barack Obama, the first Black president,
From real estate to the White House: quite a jump.
It's the 45th President, Donald Trump.
Followed by Joe Biden, number 46.
Then, Trump was elected again.
The 47th president.

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