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Benjamin Franklin & Curiosity

OK, here we go. Let me get a \$100 bill real quick, I promise I'll give it right back. Good looking, let's go!

Benjamin Franklin, his story's like this:

Born in 1706, one of 17 kids.

He studied, read well in school, but at ten he dropped out,

Started working at a candle shop to help his pops out.

At age 12, he started something different:

Became his older bro's apprentice, learned to get the news printed.

When his brother told him that he couldn't write for the paper,

He didn't listen, he took a different name and then submitted.

Yeah, well his brother didn't take it well,

And Benjamin would run away so he could make it himself.

Moved on to Philly and bought the Pennsylvania Gazette,

Printing paper for the city, and he came to be the best.

Getting checks, and he didn't rest until the age of 42,

And then retired, felt inspired to invent,

Made the rocking chair, streetlights and some new glasses,

The flashes of lightning, he found a way to catch them.

After that, he joined the government,

The Declaration of Independence, well Ben would help publish it.

Repping Pennsylvania all the way in France,

Constitutional Convention, America's man.

It was Ben Franklin, look at all the things he made,

It was Ben Franklin, 100 cash with his face.

'Cause he made bank, and you know he worked for the state,

But the main thing is that he made the world a better place.

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Ben was steady working, learning,
Taught himself Spanish, Italian, French, German.
Writing essays, articles, drawings, cartoons and almanacs
Franklin using pseudonyms, switching up different autographs.
You could tell that Ben was very smart,
But even from the start, he was humble, had heart,
Living in society, he tried to play his part,
Never asking for patents on inventions, the benefits were for us all.
For his community,
He made the first hospitals, libraries, police stations and universities.
Funding to his cities, he really believed in courtesy,
Crucial to our history, we put him on our currency.

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