



F LUFFY RUFFLES

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SHE IS WELCOMED HOME.

The morning Fluffy landed was a lovely autumn day
She much enjoyed the noble view while sailing up the bay;
But she was not prepared at all to have so many meet her
And bring her flowers and fruit and fudge and lovingly to greet her.
First came reporters in a group and shook her by the hand
And hoped she ne'er again would leave "her only native land;"
But when they asked her if she'd wished for Bryan or for Taft
She would not say a single word, but merrily she laughed.

Then half a hundred women sought her out at Quarantine
And said, "Our husbands oft have said that they have never seen
A girl that's half as sweet as you, excepting only us,
And so we've come to see if you are worthy all their fuss."
Dear Fluffy smiled and also blushed. The women said, "It's true,
And if they hadn't married us we wish they'd married you."
They handed her a huge bouquet. Then she was called below
And she (if truthfulness must rule) was rather glad to go



When they had docked the steamer and she set her foot on shore
She found a mob of little lads that numbered near a score.
"We heard dat youse was comin' home an' so we came to
kiss you
An' say that all the summer long we soitnly did miss you."
The tear drops came to Fluffy's eyes, for every word was
meant,
And over every boyish lip quite sisterly she bent.
They'd washed their faces just for her and they were very
proud,
And when she'd kissed them "each and all" off went the
happy crowd.

That evening to her hostelry there came a crowd of men.
"I'll go down stairs and see them, aunt, and then come up
again."
She went and saw the men were none that she had e'er ex-
pected,
For there were twenty-seven men—all suitors she'd rejected.
"Let—bygones—dear—Miss—Fluffy—still—be—bygones—
don't—you—know"
(She almost laughed to see them standing up there in a row),
"And—though—you—wouldn't—marry—us" ('twas like a col-
lege yell)
"We're glad—to—welcome—you—to—town—and—hope—
you're—very—well."



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