

Hats Off To You

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A conical hat on a four year old head
At a party that promises cake,
With so many games, he's all tired out
But for ice cream he WILL stay awake.

The baseball fan wears a visored cap,
His allegiance declared on its brim
He'll hold it over his patriot's heart
To sing the American hymn.

The crooner wears a pork pie hat
Cocked at a rakish tilt,
While singing soft, slow love songs
Causing the ladies to wilt.

The detective wears a fedora
Pulled down to shadow his eyes
While he peers out from under the hat
To measure the murderer's lies.

A ten gallon hat on a horse backing cowboy
Who moses along on the trails,
For a welfare check on his cattle
And an eye out for damage to rails.

The Fire Fighter's hat has a trough on each side
For the splashing water to run
Away from his face so his vision is clear
Until the battle is won.

The BEST hat of all is a "Thinking Cap"
Where your Mouth is ruled by your head.
And you never regret or need to atone
For the stupid things you have said.