



INVOCATION TO AMUSE MEANT
HARRY HOUDINI'S TOAST TO SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE
The Case of the Disappearing Friendship

Abra-cadabra. Presto-Chango.

To my friend Conan Doyle, your writings grow strange-o

Of elves and faeries this Hocus-Pocus

Perhaps Sherlock Holmes will soon lose his focus.

That keen eye for crime's cruel seductions,

Your hero's sharp mind, his skillful deductions

Unravelling the clues through the dark streets of London,

As each case twists and turns you bring before us

Nefarious characters soon brought to justice.

Let us sing your praises, our glasses, let's raise them –

A toast to Sir Arthur, your writings and canon,

To Holmes and Watson from this crystal chalice

Hear, here we cheer at the hotel Brown Palace.

Alas, your Spiritism I've debunked and banished

Forever our friendship completely has vanished.

Presented by Tim Weil at the 2019 DWNP Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner

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