



## Readers Write

# The last watch

I so appreciate and enjoy the articles in *Nuclear News*, but my favorite contributor is James Conca. I have learned much from his scientific articles, his ability to educate, and his humor. In the December 2024 issue on page 102, Mr. Conca penned a poem about Christmas night.

Reproduced here is an actual log entry I made at the Ginna nuclear power plant for the last shift watch I stood on December 31, 1983. Naval tradition had this final yearly log entry written in the style of a poem. I made a decent effort to duplicate this tradition.

At right is my log entry. (Notes: Log from the Auxiliary Operator nuclear side, shift rounds [12/31/83]. PASS, post-accident sampling system; NR&R, normal rounds & readings.)

*The aux. bldg. is quiet, this last watch in '83,  
no 'lagers, no 'fitters, no 'tricians, just me.  
The evaps are in silence, no water to boil,  
the pumps all contain their correct levels of oil.  
All rags are picked up, heat tracing is good,  
general cleanliness looks fine, just like it should.  
The earthquake supports have grown thru the years,  
those stout, steady pipes have nothing to fear.  
PASS sits quietly, yet all alone,  
Hoping its red lights never have to be shown.  
The charts are in order, our logs up to date,  
I hope '84 will be as great.  
Let's hope our problems are few and far,  
so all we need say is NR&R.*

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