

Leadership can be a wild ride,
It's not just power, and not just pride.
It's more than rules maintaining control
Sometimes, it starts by jumping off the pole.

Not always graceful, not always planned,
But even if you fall, leaders then stand.
They serve not just the loud or heard
But dig in deep, and serve the underserved.

At Judd Ranch, we found some grit,
With early chores and boots that fit.
Their cows are more than future chuck
We learned in the back of a pickup truck

Then came the lesson, tough but true,
That negative leadership will teach you too.
When people lead with fear or spite,
You learn to steer toward what is right.

I toured the schools, I saw the light,
Where leaders shape the future so bright.
From lockers and bells to playground zones,
I felt the power of building tones.

They spoke of goals and error reduction,
Preventing mess that leads to destruction.
It's not just fixing what goes wrong
It's making systems safe and strong.

Then came the groove, the unexpected pizzazz,
That's right, I'm talking leadership jazz.
Somehow both sharp and smooth
A way to lead with swing and groove.

A tour of Topeka? Oh yes, we went,
With history and heart in every event.
From civil rights to civic pride,
Leadership walked right by our side.

From local news to country songs,
A leader's voice can bring you along.
KOFO's waves still fill the air,
Though streaming may be king, They've got old-school flair.

In Ottawa businesses, I met the bold,
With stories of courage, love, and gold.
Small shops with mighty hearts inside,
Who lead with passion, not just pride.

And then we came to the old depot,
A place with stories from long ago.
Traditions remind us, as we rise and run,
That where we are going starts with where we've begun.

Leadership also brings surprise,
Like chair yoga and bingo ties.
You laugh, you stretch, you call out "B!"
LFC can be fun, you see.

And now it's time: our graduation,
A moment of joy, of transformation.
We've learned, we've grown, we've found our way,
We're ready now to lead the day.

So lead with love, and lead with grace,
With purpose written on your face.
Jump off the pole, go plant your flag
The world needs leaders who don't just brag.