

## **For the Poet Laureate**

Dear Carol Ann Duffy, do not fear,  
The old grey Duke of Wellington  
Is long dead and buried.  
You would not have to thump it out.  
Charles is too modest a man,  
Camilla does not count.  
And for Prince Philip, a jibe, a joke, a pun,  
Would better suit than any ode.  
As for the Queen, dear soul,  
May we never see the day.