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Gaggle: NYC Metro

Tune: Love Me Tender

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Flint Water Atrocity

An unelected manager
In Flint, Michigan
Switched its source of water to
The filthy River Flint

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Drinking water full of lead
And Legionnaire's disease
Saved the town a bit of dough
The governor was pleased

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Most residents of Flint are black
So they don't really count
Their city's debts must be repaid
Their rights, the state could flout

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The governor apologized
To Flint and all the land
Lead poisoning and early death
Were not what he had planned

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Or so he claimed, but history
Tells a different tale
The manager and governor's staff
Revealed it in emails

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The people wrote and called and went
To meetings by the score
Toting jugs of water foul
But they were black and poor

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These people now have dire needs
To meet them it will cost
Lead poisoning won't go away
There's so much they have lost

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They need special ed services,
And ongoing healthcare
Flint's debts are now more than repaid
The state must pick up its share.