Gordon C. Rausser

As a colleague, Gordon is the fiercest competitor,
Always to be the best, he is driven like a predator.
Yet as a competitor, he is the most supportive colleague.
Always ready to work together, never dampened by fatigue.

If he starts a consulting company, it must be the biggest.
If he founds a trading fund, it must grow the fastest.
If he chairs a department, it must be the world’s best.
If the dean of a college, it must show where the future will rest.

If he joins a government agency, he must be the chief.
Always moving forward with vigor and without relief.
Even with grandchildren, he must have the most.
Oh well, there’s one thing he cannot boast.

Giving more time in a day and more days at a time.
He has come to be one of the profession’s prime,
He has achieved all, of these goals and more.
One can only imagine what the future has in store.

While this person’s achievements are many,
His most unique characteristic beyond any,
Is his infectious charisma that energizes all,
Which expands vision and makes goals tall.

Through his ideas and visions he does conceive,
He has inspired many around him to believe,
That they can join and contribute with him,
To making something the best that there has ever been.

-Richard E. Just