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## Political Color

Politics can be colorful we know that is true  
Some states are red and some states are blue

Some reds think blues are mentally bereft  
For being so far out there on the left

Blues criticize reds with all of their might  
Thinking some of them are too far to the right

We are blasted with long oratorical binges  
From reds and blues far out on the fringes

Those extremes are causing a political riddle  
Ignoring vast numbers somewhere in the middle

If politicians stop chattering and pause to reflect  
They could treat one another with proper respect

They could then debate issues in civilized tones  
And not hit on each other with partisan stones

Most blues are reasonable as are most of the red  
They are the ones who could move us ahead

They may lean a little left or lean a little right  
But the nation's best interests would still be in sight

By working together with both sides involved  
Some really big problems might even get solved

If that were to happen, it might even come true  
That all of our states would be red, white and blue!