

WIREGRASS EXCITEMENT
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ASHBURN PLANNED A FESTIVAL
WITH WIREGRASS AS ITS NAME
BUT WE ALSO DECIDED
THE FIREANT WE WOULD FLAME

SO WE GATHERED UP THE MASSES
PLEASE COME ONE AND ALL
SO WE CAN FLAME THE FIREANT
AND THE PUBLIC WE'LL ENTHRALL

WE PLANNED A BEAUTY PAGEANT
TO FIND THE FAIREST IN THE LAND
AND WE CALLED ALL MUSICIANS
PLEASE COME BRING YOUR BAND

WE CALLED THE ARTS AND CRAFTS FOLKS
PLEASE COME DISPLAY YOUR WARES
AND WE SENT OUT INVITATIONS
FOR ALL TO COME AND SHARE

LOCAL MERCHANTS FILLED THE SIDEWALKS
WITH GREAT BUYS YOU CAN BET
THEY DID ALL THIS TO GET YOU HERE
BUT ITS NOT OVER YET

GREAT COOKS WOULD BRING OUT RECIPES
OF STRAWBERRIES SWEET DELIGHTS
AND WE'D ALL DANCE A JIG OR TWO
WITH THE TAMS ON FRIDAY NITE

WE DECORATED THE THRASHER HOUSE
WITH ANTIQUES AND PRICELESS ART
AND COLLECTORS SHARED WITH US
TREASURES OF THE HEART.

THE MEDIA SAID THEY WERE COMING
FOR US THEY'D DO A SHOW
SO WE COULD TELL THE PUBLIC
EVERYTHING THEY'D NEED TO KNOW

SO WE PUT OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD
SOUTH GEORGIA TO IMPRESS
WE INVITED ALL THE PEOPLE
PLEASE COME BE OUR GUESTS.

YOUR TRADITIONS ARE IMPORTANT
AND THIS WE WILL PROMOTE
WE'LL SHOW YOUR WIREGRASS LOGO
AND TELL WHAT IT DENOTES

SO WITH OUR BEST BIB AND TUCKER
WE SMILED FROM EAR TO EAR
AND LOOKED WITH ANTICIPATION
TO THE FESTIVAL NEXT YEAR.