

## Babb's Bridge

From great beams Babb's Covered Bridge suspended

provides each side an opposite to tread

set into banks cut when glaciers ended

and water filled where gravity had led.

Positioned piece on piece its granite blocks

became (once leveled for the eye to see)

twin bases where above the jagged rocks

two townships met in 1843.

To build secure o'er these running waters

construction calculation drawings showed

wagons freely crossing as if otters

could carry weight were loaded up tenfold.

By good design it fends off rain and sleet

that fall into Presumscot's winding course

while offering to all it ever greets

protection should the weather turn for worse.

In villages and towns our Pine Tree State

yet gathers Sunday mornings pew by pew

to hear inspired words- that- “good awaits”  
those persons living by the Golden Rule.  
Could efforts to maintain be better made  
than tending to a passageway of spruce  
built back when neighbor unto neighbor gave  
this open-ended gift... now still in use?

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