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*The Inauguration of
Christopher B. Coleman
45th Mayor of the City of Saint Paul*

JANUARY 4, 2010



*We stand on the edge of a New Year, full,
it is, of endless possibilities. Somehow, we
climbed the steep hills of the year just past,
none of it easy, our seven hills dotted
with lights steady in the dark of night, hills
alive now with the beauty of a new snow that
stopped traffic everywhere. Our city kept on
moving, speeding into this New Year in ways
never imagined by those who came before us,
who shook the hand of President Teddy Roosevelt
a century ago. He paraded through our city streets,
health care for all first on his list of critical issues.
Those who came before us may have held his hope
as they boarded the Empire Builder in the Union Depot,
never imagining it would be home, as it is, to the
speed of light rail. The sun can be a golden globe,
high in the winter sky. Its light does not blind us
to the many heroes among us, those who work
hardest and are often least rewarded, or those
pummeled by the economy, or our young women
and men in military uniform, fighting and dying in ways
we cannot imagine. We bow to all of them, take time now
to lace our skates, move onto the smooth ice of a city rink,
shoot a puck, or execute a perfect figure eight,
the number that signals prosperity, and begin
the long glide into our future, led by our young mayor.
He abandoned a call to higher office, and is with us
in this New Year, full, it is, of endless possibilities.
Tonight, the sun will set, the lights on the
High Bridge will come alive, burn steady,
arrow straight across the mighty river
that runs through our city, and with hope,
and every good intention, we move
forward into this New Year.*

—Carol Connolly

THE INAUGURATION OF CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN
45TH MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL

PRELUDE

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WELCOMING REMARKS

Saint Paul City Council President Kathy Lantry, Master of Ceremonies

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Saint Paul Police Department Color Guard
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POEM

Carol Connolly, City of Saint Paul Poet Laureate

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Members of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra

OATH OF OFFICE

Administered by the Honorable Daniel C. Moreno

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Christopher B. Coleman

POSTLUDE

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