**PASS THE HAT**

**Mike Delaney, 12/10/16**

It’s the time of the night for us to pass the hat

Around the room it goes; this way and that

You give a few bucks from your hard-earned pay

To reward the feature’s talents; then send him on his way

Most nights the feature is one of us

A regular who has waited for many months

For a half hour of uninterrupted glory

Listen to his songs and his never-ending life’s story

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Tonight the hat is a bucket

For handicapped access; don’t duck it

Please donate what you can to the cause

And enjoy this brief little pause

Soon, we’ll get right back to the show

We still have the second half to go

With increasing patience as the night drags on

You wait your turn until the night is gone

Thank you for filling the bucket

It’s your duty; and you didn’t duck it

Thank you for your gift to the hat

And we’ll speak no more of that