

Toast to Dr. Lysander Starr
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So now the time has come for toasts
By Garridebs today.
I'm here to toast to Dr. Starr –
But what is there to say?

Holmes said he corresponded with
This doctor from Topeka.
But one could search for him for years
And never cry "eureka!"

The Master coined "Lysander Starr"
To use it as a test.
And thus he drew John Garrideb
Into a mayor's nest.

"We honor still the name of Starr,
"That good old man, Lysander."
To speak this way, Holmes has to say,
Is not a sign of candor.

Holmes never knew Lysander Starr.
His name was just a guise.
John's claim to know him was just one
Of Killer Evans' lies.

I've never heard from Dr. Starr,
That phantom of the *Case-Book*.
He never calls; he never writes;
He never friends my Facebook.

Lysander Starr, you didn't exist,
Not ever, and not now.
But speaking as a Garrideb,
I toast you anyhow.