

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS  
**COLCHESTER ZOO**  
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**COLCHESTER ZOO 60TH BIRTHDAY POEM**  
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Entering wildlife heaven itself,  
Lions sneak up with ultimate stealth.  
Snakes and Parrots and Tigers too!  
There is so much to learn and so much to do.

Walking around the colourful maze,  
People just stand, watch and gaze.  
Attempting to pull the weight of a Bear,  
Then petting the Goats with the best of care.

Seeing the whole of Colchester Zoo,  
Riding a train with trees above you.  
Feeling the highest on the biggest of slides,  
I jumped and I flew but that was all in my mind.

It's been a novelty for a whole 60 years,  
When it first opened there were great crowds of cheers.  
The spiders and insects gave me a fright,  
But then I saw the Sea Lions that waved me good night.

