

The Smallest State Takes the Lead

Rhode Island was the first state that forbade
The unjust sale of humans called slave trade
Progressing past the large states undismayed
Without unneeded fanfare or parade.

They clearly weren't faint-hearted or afraid
Of how the rest perceived this pact they made.

From this example many sought their aid
And Providence rewarded this brigade
Of freedom fighters willing to have paid
The first amount toward halting this charade.

Eventually their actions will persuade
The human race to stop this masquerade.
Of course this has been often times delayed
As people think it's proper to invade,
Thus keeping peaceful efforts disarrayed.

Now the Ocean State is known for sailing,
And it was once famous for its whaling.
Newport sets a pace that's never trailing.
Roger Williams couldn't say it's ailing,
His religious freedom was unailing.



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