

Almost Heaven

When West Virginians formed their own new state
Amidst a time of enmity and hate,
That centered on the Civil War debate,
They had to keep their patience and await
Their separation from Virginia's fate,
With both sides getting stuck in a stalemate.

Now, keeping their economy set straight
Is not a task for those who speculate.
Courageous miners have to operate
In tough conditions that can devastate.
These miners carry more than just the weight
Of turning shiny coal to valued freight.

While speedy rapids can intimidate
A boater who is used to going straight
"New River" waters do invigorate
The hearty souls that want to recreate,
Thus helping many to rejuvenate.

The mountains make land tough to cultivate
But in these mountains one can meditate
In "Almost Heaven" there, it's really great.



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