Since these programs were made operational, the number of cost-sharing progressive surveys in Indiana have jumped from nine to twenty-one, and thirteen others are in some stage of publication. These finds have helped, but resources are still stretched. The search goes on.

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REQUIEM FOR A SOIL SURVEYER

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Through whirling mist he pondered the list,
The venerable old man at the GATE.
He furrowed his brow and wondered just how
He could tell this youth of his fate.

He was a nondescript lad, not good but not bad,
Ten years with the Soil Survey.
His untimely demise was the ultimate price
Of screw augers and intractable clay.

He moved confidently toward his eternal reward
To the golden city inside.
"Stop!", he was told as the gate was closed,
"Your entrance herein is denied".

"Because you have broken the trust, it's decreed you
now must
Wander aimlessly in the realm below.
Your supervisors have agreed from your S. O. P.s ¹/
That your punishment be eternal woe".

"You've made sloppy reports and been guilty of all
sorts
Of errors on lands surveyed.
And your acreage thus far is well below par,
Your final reviews all delayed".

¹/ Standards of Performance.