

## **Just Like That**

Caerphilly, Wales in '21  
Thomas and Catherine birthed a son  
Age eight, his aunt gave Tom a gift  
A magic set, a box of tricks

This present  
Shaped his future  
Who could have known  
He would become a household name?

In 1940 young Tommy Cooper  
Was called upon to serve - a trouper  
The Royal Horse Guards  
Amused and thrilled  
Watch Tom perfect his conjuring skills

The magic circle welcomed Tom  
He learned new tricks to call upon  
His magic skills they changed and grew  
And soon, into our lives he flew

We laughed until our bellies ached  
Watching his faked magic "mistakes"  
Sadly all the fame and wealth  
Took a toll on Tommy's health

In April 1984  
This towering man  
Of six foot four  
Fell to the floor

And so  
On stage  
Performing live  
We laughed  
As he died

**Thomas Frederick Cooper – RIP**