

First Call

Alexander Graham Bell had the perfect name
The telephone we know so well was his claim to fame
To “talk with electricity” – he had to find out how
He certainly succeeded – if he could see us now!

He’d worked on this for ages, he thought he’d found a way
Everything was ready on that special day
They both took their places, no flashes but some clicks
And a little crackling, back in 1876

“Mr Wilson come in here” was heard along the wire
So nothing that momentous, to set the world on fire
But they’d stepped into history and soon would take their place
Alongside other pioneers in medicine and space

Since then, so much talking across the world has flown
In ways that Alexander could not have ever known
He started the connections that we enjoy today
And pointed to the future in his own clever way.