

## A GREAT PLAINS POTPOURRI

### POEMS

by

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**Frank James**

Jesse gone with a shot  
from behind, Youngers jailed  
at last, he got himself  
off—even after he'd  
ridden with Quantrill's goons—  
And opened up his house  
to tourists, took them through  
for half a dollar, then  
died at seventy-two  
peaceful as any man.

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