The letter Q has always intrigued people. Words like 'bouquet', 'acquiesce' and 'quinquennial' seem to have an almost mystical quality. Formists struggle to include Q in pyramids and squares while pangrammatists always find it the most difficult letter to incorporate into their compositions. Of course the main problem is that the letter Q is almost invariably followed by a U (for exceptions, see the editor's article in the May 1976 Word Ways). This constraint has severely limited the scope of Q in most fields of wordplay, although there are some ingenious examples of its use, such as the amazing forms of Palmer Peterson exhibited in the May 1978 Word Ways.

Not surprisingly, this refractory letter appears only rarely in palindrome compilations, and there are in fact only a handful of rather obscure palindromic words beginning with Q. For the interest of readers I have listed below the small collection of Q palindromes recorded in my unfinished 'palindromicon'. Any additions to this select group would be most welcome.

- **Q variant to the obsolete word 'cue', half a farthing (OED)**
- **QAO in 'Tell Qaq', a hill listed in the OSNG of Jordan**
- **QUQ in 'Khawr Qiq', an inlet listed in the OSNG of Oman**
- **QABAQ in 'Qabaq Tepe', a populated place in Iran (OSNG Iran)**
- **QANAOQ the native name for the settlement of Thule in Northwest Greenland (Times Atlas of the World)**
- **QAPAOQ in 'Qapaq Tepe', a populated place in Iran (OSNG Iran)**
- **QAZAQQ variant of 'Kazakh', one of a Turkic people of Central Asia forming the basic population of Kazakhstan (OED Sup)**
- **QORQQ the name of two populated places in Iran (OSNG Iran)**
- **QUDUQ in 'Quduq Toba', a border town in Northern Afghanistan (Times Index Gazetteer)**
- **QURUQ a mountain pass in Iran, just south of the Caspian Sea (Times Atlas of the World)**
- **QAZZAQ a populated place in Iran (OSNG Iran)**