

Wilderness House Literary Review 6/3

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Gamble

Limo or bus gamblers arrive in style
common thread, ante up awhile
carpet possibilities, honey for bees
Low and highbrows coalesce
arced at spun roulette wheel
Parsimonious tip, courtesy wins smiles
Welcome hopefuls to our tables
Can booty cover charged clothes labels?
Will cotton become sable?
Place bet on big clicking circle
Shake hands with slot machines
Pretty colors rolling unfolding dreams
Sum nine in baccarat, royal flush poker
Steeplechase life midst fog of humor
Luck dips or looms nonpareil
Tip umbrella drinks Hear jackpot bell
Pull handle on private wishing well
Keep bucks for dinner casino show
Gauzy gamblers sip bubbly but bobble up
when incoming jingles fill empty cups
Boardwalk flat bottom cloud shuffles soaker
Window shop slowly, not in a rush
Compliment the wife then watch her blush
Hear lone sax pant or soothing guitar say
Greet curling waves that swam a long way
Sunset strollers deserve snazzy suite
Behold sunrise. Walk latent beauty in sun
Enjoy scant time, munch a morsel of fun