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The End Of Art

(who took six years to graduate)

by Dianne L. Goss

Sifting bathroom graffitti,
Irate wives search
Remote husbands
Disconnected by a missing phone.

The somnolent card-playing drinker
Tosses a beer to his waiting throat.
Anxiously searching the recesses of the barroom,
He guards the door with his heavy eyes.

As the clock ticks reproachfully,
He settles back for one more
Quick game of euchre,
One more beer
For the road.

Concentrating steadiness,
He slows the Chevy
And coasts to the floating door.

Unsuccessfully he paws through his mind
For the key to his home,
The entrance to his wife.
Angry glares deny access
Searching unfound explanations
In the comical bleary-eyed face.

Familiarized with the procedure,
He trots to the car to wait for his summons.
Softly, his flannel-covered belly begins to snore.

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