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1
Flip through an old songbook
skipping over the pretty pressed flowers
trapped between the pages
from someone, sometime ago

2
My eyes view a scene
revealing no depth
like a mountain obstructed by clouds

3
The way I sing a simple song
that has a melody
with a pleasant chorus makes me smile

4
Heifetz is my favorite violinist
I’ve heard him play Tchaikovsky violin
concerto on You Tube

5
A children’s story meant for adults
has layers and layers of rocks
to turn over

6
In my 66th year I can know that
my motorcycle journey down Route 66
can be crossed off my bucket list
except that I’d like to do it again

7
Life is not defined by a time span
but how much infinite experience
There is in a finite period

8
When I drool at night I blame it on the Parkinsons
when I drool during the day I blame it on the Parkinsons
when I drool in conversation I wipe my mouth
In my attic is an office where I keep all my $10 gaming coins from the Silver Strike slot machines at the Four Queens Casino on Fremont Street in Las Vegas.

Now I feel like a lion in a cage at the zoo where small children gawk and play nearby. Loss of strength and agility like something missing in translation.