

ON A WARM SUMMER'S  
EVENING ON A TRAIN BOUND FOR  
NOWHERE I MET UP WITH THE GAMBLER WE  
WERE BOTH TOO TIRED TO SLEEP SO WE TOOK  
TURNS A-STARIN' OUT THE WINDOW AT THE DARKNESS  
OVERTOOK US AND HE BEGAN TO SPEAK HE SAID, "SON, I'VE MADE A LIFE OUT OF READIN'  
PEOPLE'S FACES KNOWIN' WHAT THE CARDS WERE BY THE WAY THEY HELD THEIR EYES SO IF YOU  
DON'T MIND MY SAYIN' I CAN SEE YOU'RE OUT OF ACES FOR A TASTE OF YOUR WHISKEY I'LL GIVE YOU  
SOME ADVICE" SO I HANDED HIM MY BOTTLE AND HE DRANK DOWN MY LAST SWALLOW THEN HE  
BUMMED A CIGARETTE AND ASKED ME FOR A LIGHT AND THE NIGHT GOT DEATHLY QUIET AND HIS FACE  
LOST ALL EXPRESSION SAID, "IF YOU'RE GONNA PLAY THE GAME, BOY YOU GOTTA LEARN TO PLAY IT RIGHT  
YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHEN TO HOLD 'EM KNOW WHEN TO FOLD 'EM KNOW WHEN TO WALK AWAY AND  
KNOW WHEN TO RUN YOU NEVER COUNT YOUR MONEY WHEN YOU'RE SITTIN' AT THE TABLE THERE'LL BE TIME  
ENOUGH FOR COUNTIN' WHEN THE DEALIN'S DONE EVERY GAMBLER KNOWS THAT THE SECRET TO SURVIVIN'  
IS KNOWIN' WHAT TO THROW AWAY AND KNOWIN' WHAT TO KEEP 'CAUSE EVERY HAND'S A WINNER AND  
EVERY HAND'S A LOSER AND THE BEST THAT YOU CAN HOPE FOR IS TO DIE IN YOUR SLEEP" AND WHEN HE'D  
FINISHED SPEAKIN' HE TURNED BACK TOWARD THE WINDOW CRUSHED OUT HIS CIGARETTE FADED OFF TO  
SLEEP AND SOMEWHERE IN THE DARKNESS THE GAMBLER HE BROKE EVEN BUT IN HIS FINAL WORDS I  
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## THE BOREDOM

COUNT YOUR

# The Gambler

