

SWIMMINGLY

1. SWIMMINGLY (Neill C. Furio)

It's not so much the skinny
As it is the dipping
And if Lake Lilac could talk
It would tell you as much

Laying as it does
In lakey cartographic limbo
Between Welcome and Climax
Its late-night revelers
Swam the gamut from sacred
To profane and back

And if Lake Lilac could sing
It would praise for you
The pouring Full Milk Moon
That still reflects
In its dilated eye
Like a teenaged tear of joy
That falls on your first summer date
In delirious limbo
Between Welcome and Climax

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2. DROWNINGLY (Neill C. Furio)

Kick your new Keds off
And brush the cool wet grass
Bullfrog plunk from the water's edge
To the drink below
Spread the blanket out
The one my grandma made
Make a wish Starry Starry Night
On the radio

I will wait for you swimmingly
If not me, I will wonder who drowningly

Slip your Levi's off
Behind the heartwood tree
In the breeze honeysuckle to
Honeysuckle fro
Ring around the moon
Ring around your finger too
Cherry Coke on your lips maybe yes
Maybe I don't know

I will wait for you swimmingly
If not me, I will wonder who drowningly
I will wait 'til then swimmingly
If not soon, I will worry when drowningly

Hear the screen door click
The kitchen light goes out
Fireflies in a jar on your porch
Where I cannot go

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3. SCRABBLE-INA

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New Year's Day fallin' down
Spell a word but not a proper noun
Seven tiles maple through
I hate I as much as I hate U
Clockwise once around the board
Need an O to feel ignored

Down by ten cross by more
Gotta get a double letter score
Blanks are gone vowels few
Things look bad for Scrabble-ina too
Clockwise twice around the board
Need an O to feel adored

See me stand, see me sit
See me try to make some sense of it
See me still, see me shake
See me try to pick a pill to take

Headache gone feverfew
Morning tints the foggy windows blue
Brooklyn Bridge fallin' down
Crack the glass if you don't wanna drown
Clockwise wheel around the town
You like black but I like brown

See me stand, see me sit
See me try to make some sense of it
See me still, see me shake
See me try to pick a pill to take
See me swim, see me sink
See me try to clear this cloud of ink

Clockwise touch the river floor
Lose the game I won before

See me stand, see me sit
See me try to make some sense of it
See me still, see me shake
See me try to pick a pill to take
See me swim, see me sink
See me try to clear this cloud of ink
See me spell, see me swirl
See me try to please a perfect pearl

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4. WHOOPS WRONG DAISY

(Neill C. Furio)

April showers March forgot
Sprouting from my flowerpot
Stems entwine a lover's knot
Petal white meet yellow dot

He loves me, he loves me not
He loves me, he loves me not
He loves me, he, he, he

Whoops wrong daisy
I must have been crazy
To pick one that couldn't pick me

Summer swelter simmer hot
Rattling my corncob pot
Mango butter apricot
Picnic white meet shady spot

He loves me, he loves me not
He loves me, he loves me not
He loves me, he, he, he

Whoops wrong daisy
I must have been crazy
To pick one that couldn't pick me
Whoops wrong daisy
My day's fever hazy
I'm dreamin' I do you agree

There's a sunny meadow's worth
But I've been pickin' wrong since birth

Winter hours novel plot
Curling from my chimney pot
Hope's eternal Spring is shot
Paper white meet inky blot

Forget me, forget me not
Forget me, forget me not
Forget me, four, three, two, one

Whoops wrong daisy
I must have been crazy
To pick one that couldn't pick me
Whoops wrong daisy
My night's out of phasey
I'm wakin' unfortunately

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5. AS IS (Neill C. Furio)

My face is pretty and my hands are neat
But I run five minutes slow
My look's becoming to your slender wrist
But I'm not in style I know
Though I'm twice the find for half as much
As what you wear of his
You wish that I were more for less
As is, as is, as is

My band is solid and my clasp is sure
But my crown is bent I fear
My movement's suited to your temperament
But my case I scratched you sneer
Though I'm 14-karat gold you know
Not stainless steel like his
You wish that I were more for less
As is, as is, as is

So you're worried for a second I'm not
Maybe my numbers won't glow
You'd do better with the bezel I've got
Instead of the bezel you know

Though I'm only one of two or three
Not millions still like his
You wish that I were more for less
As is, as is, as is

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6. RUST IN PEACE (Neill C. Furio)

We been a pair so long
How did we go so wrong
What was it 95
Shiftin' from park to drive
Takin' a turn to fast
It coulda been our last
Lucky you taught me trust
Ready or not to rust in peace

Breeze up the palisade
Cylinder serenade
Glistening cornfield green
Perfume of gasoline
Sun on your chrome so bright
Moon on a high-beam night
Idle or wanderlust
Ready or not to rust in peace

I'll take you to the wood
Stay with you if I could
Maple grow through your roof
Nothin' is nature proof
I'll kiss your wheel good-bye
Don't look cause I might cry
Try as you won't you must
Ready or not to rust in peace

I never will forget
Haven't replaced you yet
One day we'll all be dust
Ready or not to rust in peace

We been apart so long
How did we go so wrong

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