

# This Life

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Ensconced in this life,  
me and the wife,  
are tucked away,  
in our little house.

I'm now sixty four,  
and mildly surprised,  
the good lord,  
has left me alive.

Risky behavior,  
has not been the savior,  
of any of my friends  
or relations.

The fact I am breathing,  
seems attached to receiving,  
the blessings,  
of frequent libations.

So I sit and look out,  
at my postage stamp yard,  
trying to work on  
my patience,

while my life lumbers on,  
like a moose in a pond,  
driven solely by its own  
machinations.

