

## Lucky Numbers

Lucky numbers  
are going around.  
Had a number  
once Army gave  
it to me  
to hang round  
my neck but  
it wasn't like  
Spiegel numbers  
or Columbia Record  
Club numbers or  
any of them  
sweepstakes ones  
going round.  
It was made  
to mark things with  
-- canteen covers  
carbine slings  
broken bodies.

## Time Was

Time was when  
whatever it was  
you did everybody  
was on to you  
you couldn't sneak  
a night out or  
a stray lay or  
beat your kids  
without everybody  
aimed at you in  
a put-down way  
but now nobody  
cares except  
a few door  
to door Christians  
and they usually  
ask a little  
money for it.

## Services

After prayers songs quotes  
& redeyed dontfeelbads by  
Susanville's Methodist minister  
we got to file by satinquilted  
waterproof coffin to see where  
George was how he looked  
powdered rouged & ready in  
clean underwear & Sunday suit.

-- Phil Weidman

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## In Memory of a Friend

The late representative was our good friend, though he never knew us. I don't believe he ever laid eyes on us. We had always taken precautions that he wouldn't. Nevertheless we all felt that we knew him -- that he belonged to us, and belonged to us even exclusively. I think it was love that made us feel this way. A tender thrill, and sometimes a shudder still accompanies my thoughts of him. Yet I am not sure that love may be the best term to describe our feelings. I think that we appreciated him more. Above all else we appreciated him. We felt a debt of gratitude