

HILDA SHOREHAM IN BIG MUDDY

Some thought it strange
a woman would wear
dark
nun-like dresses
and skin her hair back
and yet wear Flaming Love
cologne
every single place she went

OKIE HONESTY

Tell the truth
and shame the devil
Mary Roop used to say
big difference in brothers
Elihu is more religious than
my husband ever was

why he won't even take a
drink
to ring the New Year in
and he wouldn't swear
before a woman
if you put a live coal on
his tongue