

## Down Through the Rump Lands

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Edward Hamlin

Down through the rump lands  
Behind Lark's Lake  
Through the mounded hills  
Educated in misery, past the ski resort  
Dormant in stuporous heat

The Ottawa drive toward town  
Some to open up the grim casino  
Others to pick leavings from wire baskets  
Down by the pier, where the yachts tie up  
Televisions digressing in clean white cabins

Lake Louise, 1/1/2003