

Luck Hard

Les Wicks

My doctor has warned
I must face an occasional
illogical exuberance, the piano in numbers.
It should be stridently ignored -
an anticipated side effect
of “medical care”.

Ignore the Bad Thoughts
during a commercial break.
4 is a sharp number, we are
impaled impalas.
Always a fine line, suppression of mind (the
filthy brumby) and a need to be open, queerly qwerty.
Strange needs to be cultivated

and suppressed with equal vigour.
An interested mind is a nuclear reactor.

Hands upon the wheel
this seal has clapped for fish. Keratosis Moses.

The ultrasound technician noted fat around the pancreas
common for men of my age.

The spleen sits high in the viscera -
a statistical variant in
20-30% of people as was the range of difference
in liver lobes. Prostate fine.

Many of our patients contracted this 25 or so years ago
but this gentleman has looked after himself and it shows.
Extraordinary to be dissected like this
before my first coffee. There is nothing fast about fasting.
Hungry numerals.

So much luck! Imagine
the starling... all possible names and someone chose
star-ling for this little pest its coat of remote luminance,
planetarium across the ratty spine.

None such for me, a flour bag name old
Robert Wickes stole sheep both there and here/
convict mainstream 1789, crosshatch back lost
even an e in his penitence.

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He married and grew apples across much of North Ryde.
Lucky Rob, lucky Sarah. Land Ho!

Children of rich folk
by a statistically sharp (oh but silky) formula are
likely to be rich folk.
My daughter joined 7% of us who voted Green just
like her folks she got a degree and wastes her time on art,
sitting in the sun on this propitious afternoon.
These are the best days
our genetics (a nutty mix of digits)
the stockmarket
surf, the coffee.
I'm being irrational
even π gets exhausted,
but that's not the point.

Shipwrecked on dimples -
Hippie Tom, Commander Amanda,
Artgal Rubberlines and Pastor Blast.
Leak and repeat,
the orchestral cacophony.
I won't grope for an ending
(you can't count the growth rings before the cut).
We'll take it easy
under the canopy of relief.