

A Salute To Shuffleboard

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There are plenty of interesting sports –
I've played so many, I can't recall –
But let me introduce you, friends,
To a sport that tops them all.

It's quite possible you may not know,
Or haven't heard – what a shame! –
The magic word is *SHUFFLEBOARD*,
'Tis truly a wonderful game.

It matter now what your age,
Or that you think it's not for you.
Take my advice and give it a try,
Then watch time fly ... and your troubles, too.

What fun and skill to come with time,
You use your arm as well as your brain.
Go, see for yourself and you will find
The endless enjoyment you will gain.

Maybe I'll play or watch awhile,
There's joy in it, either way.
It's all so doggone interesting,
Just a purely enjoyable day.

Maybe you'll win, maybe you'll lose.
What matters, when the fun begins
A champ or a chump, you're still way ahead.
There's really no losers – everyone wins!

There isn't space to describe it all.
Once you start it will never end.
Go, see for yourself and then you'll know –
You'll be hooked for life, my friend.

How many folks play this game?
To give a count would be just guessing.
But of one thing I'm very sure –
To each it's been a great big blessing.

When I tally the score, I see much more,
I see pleasure pushing out many a sorrow.
What a good time we had today.
And we can do it all over, tomorrow.

And when I have finished the game of life
And take that trip I know not where,
It really won't matter so very much
As long as they have *SHUFFLEBOARD* there!

Have you got a game? Get your cue,
Bring the eraser and the chalk.
Fred and George and Ted make four.
If we beat you, don't you squawk.

Now the game starts, there's first shot.
Should I fill it or clear the board?
I have last out, so play it safe.
To get in the kitchen I can't afford.

You shoot, sit down, and the other end shoots
And the blocks come bouncing around.
Keep your eye on that spot and follow thru.
It's ten up and ten down.

Red out or black out? What's the score?
That's the "bunny," get it out.
Hey, Partner, we need one more!
We have the hammer, hear them shout!

Take your time and aim it true.
What a shot! Hear those cheers.
Make that double and win the game.
Ooops, I missed! Here come the tears.