

Blazing across an asphalt strip  
heading further and further  
away from her eyes  
further and further  
towards the heart of the desert  
further and further  
away from the light.

The black road shoots straight  
a vein across a desert thigh  
the full translucent moon  
bathes like a natural nightlight  
the light of the almost dead  
perfect light for a romantic drive.

Time disappears in the desert night  
a busted dashboard clock  
a powerless wristwatch  
those are lies: the time is two am  
lies are more romantic than the truth  
moviemakers love the romantic  
but their romantic ends happy  
come rain or shine  
most romantic times happen  
alone with the moon.

Root word of romantic: rome  
as in roma capital city  
of italy ancient empires  
the catholic church the vatican  
colosseum catacombs.

Should be: roam  
to ramble wander rove  
second half: antic  
a playful trick or prank  
a buffoon or clown.

Piece it all together:  
a playful roving buffoon  
the translucent moon  
plays romantic pranks  
on those rambling about  
by morning the clown is gone  
replaced by the all-seeing sun  
who forbids tricks on his watch.

If you drive far enough  
away from the shallow sunshine  
of neon city lights  
if you find a whole lot of nothing  
don't panic: remember  
romantic places felt lonely too  
before you arrived.

Keep alert  
you might find something  
strange occurrences  
happen all the time  
you just might find yourself  
on a surface that looks like the moon.

Look around  
feel the sand  
howl for a coyote  
if nothing howls back  
if you can't recall  
how crickets sound  
if the only voice you hear  
is your own drifting away  
if you look up and don't see  
the translucent moon  
don't panic: remember  
it just means your romantic side  
took you too far tonight  
you're the man in the moon.

If you find yourself  
the man in the moon  
on a cold desert night  
don't panic: remember  
it happens all the time  
sometimes loneliness  
gets the best of you  
even the strongest  
can't survive.

The man in the moon  
our lighthouse keeper  
works alone in the sky  
keeping lost vessels afloat  
in the dark lonely night.

If being the man in the moon

proves too much for you  
if the blade occupies your mind  
you find life slowly changing  
from color to black and white  
before all turns translucent white  
don't panic: remember  
you're the man in the moon tonight  
shine your light lovingly  
let hope guide your sight  
be the man in the moon  
for those lost souls  
too lonely to try their eyes  
use your light so they might see  
into the dark night  
and find another gazing off  
for no good reason  
save your light.