

History of the present illness

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They sent me to see you because
I fall asleep at the wheel.

No, I don't doze off
Watching TV, reading,
Going to movies, sitting in the dark.
No I never wake up
Unable to move a muscle.
I never laugh and collapse.
No I never hallucinate
Between sleep and waking.

In Vietnam I saw my friends get killed.
My first wife killed herself.
I used to play Russian Roulette
But I got rid of all my guns.
I never told anyone this.

When I married my second wife
I gave up drinking
Two bottles of scotch and a case of beer each week
Because she was beautiful.

But when I drive
It's hard to resist
The engine and wheels revolving.
If my wife is beside me
She punches my shoulder.
Or else I snap
A rubber band on my wrist.
Of course I have to drive
Or how could I get
Where I'm supposed to go?

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