

## **imperial valley mash-up**

watch every penny, count every drop of gas  
calculating the payouts, guessing  
the distance between salvations  
adding up the miles and shredding  
the days, the nights, the roads and the exit signs  
and the constant stream of route choices for business or bypass  
counting floor pennies  
watching for senseless flaunting and regretting  
the coffee cake when it could have been  
an imperial valley mash-up  
endless people watching car radio music  
after the cd's all go bad  
    and no mobile downloads with an endless selection  
    of mobile downloads  
just focused forward  
    always moving to the next show  
    always moving to the next item on the list  
on the travel sheet - the next town  
the next exit, the next gas station  
trying not to make gas-wasting mistakes while  
being directionally prudent  
watching people in coffeeshops, bars, bus stops,  
truck stops, waffles houses, circle k and the bait and tackle shops  
the mom and pop soda shops  
  
marked by a stream of pigs knuckles  
and pink pickled eggs