

## *Flash and The Don*

*We gather here together  
To celebrate our own!  
And who be these luminaries among us?  
Why none other than Gordon and Don!*

*We'll honor Gordon first,  
(I like to call him "Flash!")  
And then we'll handle Don!  
I want to save him for last!*

*Gordon had some help you know,  
To earn his thousand points!  
Heck, I know for sure he's played  
With all the talent in this joint!*

*He says he came late to the game,  
And took it up after he retired.  
Well if that's true he sure caught up fast,  
And I'd never call him a liar!*

*But if he's that new to duplicate,  
And the title of silver he's now won,  
Then I think you'll all have to agree with  
me,  
It's the fastest thing he's done!*

*They say that poker was his game,  
And for years he couldn't lose!  
'Til Lady Luck ran off one night!  
(They say she even got his shoes!)*

*Sometimes he's in an impossible slam  
And he makes it with total complacency.  
But it's mysteriously after he's called to the phone!  
(I think he's under video surveillance!)*

*But Gordon, we're all proud of you!  
You're far from being a disaster!!  
We heartily congratulate you  
On earning your Silver Life Master.*

*Don Klenke has earned the title  
That carries the golden crown!  
He earned 2500 points!  
(Which is how much he usually goes down!)*

*Don has this unique system—  
Let me try to explain this right!  
He'll pass you if he's holding thirteen  
points,  
But take you to slam when he's got five!*

*I used to play with him regularly,  
But we really didn't have a good time!  
Until I stopped cooking lunch for him,  
And just started bringing him wine.*

*He's a very talented player!  
He plays a hand like a dream;  
His defense—it's truly inspired.  
(I just wouldn't put him on a team!)*

*He's known as Mr. Toll Free.  
Perhaps you all remember,  
Because the minus column on his  
convention card,  
Looks like a bunch of 800 numbers!*

*I bet you won't believe me,  
I'll bet you think I'm lying,  
But if he doesn't go at least once for 1400,  
He feels like he's not really trying!*

*We've been friends for thirty years  
We've travelled even, a time or two,  
And nothing makes me prouder  
Than saying "congratulations to you."*

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