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A personal account of Andy Winklemere’s relationship with fate.

“My name is Andy Winklemere
And lightning is my friend.
Never twice it’s stricken me,
And that’s a surefire trend!

“I’ve never run in with the cops
Since I was barely nine.
Though now I speed and cheat and steal,
My record nearly shines!

“At age thirteen I broke an arm
By falling from a tree.
Today my bones are strong as stone,
(The doctors all agree).

“Casinos fear me like a ghost,
For once they robbed me cold.
But now I jackpot every roll
And win a hundredfold!

“Why do you stare and gawk at me?
I promise, it’s the truth!
I guess you’ll only trust me if
I come up with some proof…

“So here’s a highway and a car,
That’s driving much too fast—”
—And then dear Andy jumped out front,
And made those words his last—

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