

wisconsin places

by Dennis Idzikowski

lately these lines la crossed my mind
what's as nice as wisconsin faces?
reciting the names of wisconsin places

cassville and platteville and dodgeville and janesville
crivitz and pembine, that's where I feel fine
prairie du chien, beloit and menomonie
camp mccooy armory forward in harmony

dairy state? wisconsin's made it
whether up in minocqua, surrounded by aqua
rock island or madeline, i've see 'em paddlin'
waterford watertown waterloo oughter do
just for a thrill you can whitewater waterville
even waupaca, but why weyauwega?



Eric Poggemann



Lisa Sharkey



Linda Geier

or manitowoc or oconomowoc
fish creek to spring green, the play is the thing
been all 'round the joint, what's really the point?

a beach at two rivers that gives me the shivers
been seen in racine, and bonged in kenosha
partaken fine wine while roamin' algoma
and we won't run out of prairie du sac

no shortage of portage, no fond du lac lack
there's merton and mercer, and tomah, wautoma
or neenah, menasha. oh, wow! wauwatosa
and rhinelander's fine, just like the state fair
have you ever eaten an eau claire éclair?

and appleton's here, it won't disappear
to tomahawk, ladysmith or lac du flambeau
the game's in green bay over at lambeau
ixonia fredonia caledonia, i'll phone ya



Katherine Theide



Erin Johns

wausaukee's superior, milwaukee is beerier
madison's capitol, cornell is swell
and sure, what the hell, the wisconsin dells
no, this ain't no trashland, it's got a nice ashland



Judy Halverson

new london, new berlin, new glarus, oh spare us
in bayfield and brookfield and greendale and greenfield
pewaukee, ozaukee, west allis and wausau



Anne Gibson

for all of my money, that beetown's a honey
and franklin and dousman, wish i were your spouseman
so, what can i say? that is the way
the amnicon
black river
chippewa
falls