

Mary Gauthier, Camelot Motel

(Mary Gauthier/Keri Powers)

He's lying on the double bed acting self-assured
In his T-shirt and his underwear he's barely said a word
She pours a cup of coffee lights the day's first cigarette
Picks up the phone and call her kids from the motel kitchenette

There's two guys moving slowly in the room across the hall
Both their heads are pounding from last night's alcohol
They met in a chat room then they took it here
They both go by pseudonyms and soon they'll disappear

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Come looking for the grace from which they fell
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He met her at the pool hall the guys told him she was touched
Now she's ranting and she's raving about the Devil, Christ and such
He's thinking about the highway and the way she begged last night
He's wishing he had blown this dump before the morning light

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Lancelot and Guenivere bang their bedpost in my ear
Neon lights the castle walls bug lights in the entry halls
I lie awake with a troubled mind thinking 'bout what I left behind
Me and the royal denizens got damn good reasons for our sins

There's a couple counting money in room 124
They're wrapping 10's and 20's throwing 1's down on the floor
They're strung out and nervous, they jump at every little sound
He keeps picking up his pistol then putting his pistol down

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