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YER DUMPIN' ME?  
WHY? WHA'D I DO?

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# MIRACLE RABBIS

A DOCTOR  
GESUNDHEIT  
STORY

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IT TURNED OUT TO BE REAL GOOD, WAY BETTER THAN I EXPECTED. THE BOOK COVERS A NUMBER A' YEARS IN THE LIVES OF THESE TWO PEOPLE, LESTER KANE AN' JENNIE GERHARDT, WHO WAS HIS MISTRESS. LESTER DIES IN THE END, BUT AT LEAST HE'S OLD AN' DIES A DIGNIFIED NATURAL DEATH; HE DON'T CROAK AS A PATHETIC BUM AN' GET BURIED IN POTTER'S FIELD LIKE HURSTWOOD IN SISTER CARRIE.



I WAS ALONE ALL THAT WEEKEND. I THOUGHT ABOUT JENNIE GERHARDT AN' ALICE QUINN AN' DECADES A' FACES RAN THROUGH MY MIND. I FELT LIKE CRYIN'; LIFE SEEMED SO SWEET AN' SO SAD AN' SO HARD TLET GO OF IN THE END.



BUT THIS IS MONDAY. I WENT T'WORK, HUSTLED SOME RECORDS, CAME HOME AN' WROTE THIS. T'NIGHT I'LL FINISH A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT. LIFE GOES ON. EVERY DAY IS A NEW DEAL. KEEP WORKIN' AN MAYBE SUMP'N'LL TURN UP.

END

# SPRING SUNDAY TWILIGHT

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THIS IS A STORY ABOUT A VISIT A FRIEND A' MINE PAID ME ON A SUNDAY NIGHT ONE SPRING. B'FORE I GET INTA IT, I WANNA TELL YA SOMETHIN' ABOUT HIM.



EITHER THAT OR HE ISN'T SATISFIED TO BE GOOD; HE WANTS T'BE GREAT. ANYWAY, HE DID WIN FIRST PRIZE ON THE FLUTE IN A NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITION IN 1968... HE ALSO HAS BEEN TEACHING A JAZZ COURSE AT A LOCAL UNIVERSITY FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS AND HAS WRITTEN AN EXCELLENT TEXTBOOK ON JAZZ.



AS FOR PSYCHOLOGY-HE WORKS AS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST. HIS JOB THERE IS SHAKY THOUGH, 'CAUSE THE SCHOOLS ARE RUNNIN' OUTTA MONEY.



# Cowboy Song

(AS SUNG BY THE KINSMAN COWBOYS-1955)

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