

It was right before game time, when all through the room,  
Players were chatting, the game starting soon,  
The director was hasty to settle folks down  
For a session of bridge to see who wins the crown  
Roger and Helen came for card playing fun  
The regal Miss Shirley arrived ready to stun  
The room was abuzz with excitement and glee  
Gold Points were available for you and for me!  
Danielle and Gerry were the targets to crush  
Clyde and Kathleen had no reason to blush  
Along came Don Powell with his partner Phil  
Then Tina and Richard with bidding to thrill  
Adrienne with Barb were a formidable pair  
Jay played with Ram, though he has little hair  
Anita and Larry played Mike Lawrence style  
As Lois and Mardi strayed from anything vile  
Sonoma's Sandy and Marge, a practiced pair made  
As Marsha and Tom tried to make just one spade  
Our dear Anastasia scolded hubby Knud  
Who laughed and made fun as we all know he would  
George Gordon was struggling with his new computer  
While players were figuring out a three-suiter

The holiday spirit filled the room with some chatter  
At a seasonal party, it just didn't matter  
Malcolm and Peg sent the room all a twitter  
While Al was concerned about Daisy's dog sitter  
Theila reminded him, don't be a quitter!  
Meta and Barbara were glowing, they'd just made a grand  
And Dan Harp was enjoying all the ladies at hand  
While Joanne, Dan's partner, was taking a stand  
Leaving Katie at home, Carol Fraser's despair  
Sherry consoled her, they made a fine pair  
The cards were all snapping, bidding boxes were busy  
Tricks were taken and lost, players quite in a tizzy...  
Wayne with Barbara was signaling madly  
Swan and Kathy were whipping opponents quite badly  
Bill Wells and Steve admired Molly's fair smile  
Helen Herbaugh, a legend, played her cards with great style  
Nothing fazes Renata as she drives through the hall  
While Eileen's brilliant smile sure to dazzle us all  
Together they brought home a first overall!  
Carol Clements and Rick only once tried a psyche  
Doubled, redoubled, to opponents' delight

Rosemary and Nora from Benicia they came  
Joined by Gretchen and Carol, all of regional fame  
Susan and Nancy avoided a double  
As Russell told Sigrid she's deeply in trouble  
Along came Lynn and Karen of Petaluma fame  
To win a point or two in this holiday game  
Overheard were the splinters, Smolen, Jordan and Drury  
Then Spiral and Capp, giving players no worry  
Lana and Judith have mastered the art of defense  
"Down One!" they exclaimed, opponents took no offense  
Alerts and announcements were heard at each table  
Players doing their best as each one was able  
Some players preempted, sacrificed and went down  
Opponents were pleased, faces not in a frown  
Rio Vista gifted us Cliff, Natalie and Joyce  
While Sheila and David were Vallejo's first choice  
From Fairfield Mike and Alice Vasey came our way  
They seemed to enjoyed it had a great day  
John and Gary discussed how to handle a stiff  
As the Landts watched and learned, avoiding a tiff  
From the Vet's home we welcomed Robert and Dale  
Altho missing dear George, not so hearty and hale

To Stephanie and Bart a greeting most hearty  
From Novato you came to enjoy our great party  
Special thanks are extended to soulmates who came  
To enjoy our bridge banter but not play our game  
So hail Nancy Mercer, Carol Page and Anne Schramm  
Cheers to Madhu, Ram's darling, and Bruce, Kathy's man  
Applause for Theila's Barry, Lana's David as well  
We're so glad you joined us, we're sure you can tell

At the end of the game, winning pairs were a sight  
All the players are smiling, eyes shining with light  
Happy Holidays to all, it's a wonderful night!

