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## A BOTTLE AND EIGHT RHINOS

On the South Side of Chicago there are 8 aging rhinos  
They dance clumsily to warm summer breezes  
And play ice hockey on winter's frozen-over alleys.

Every Halloween they carve a pumpkin and eat the seed  
And on Valentine's Day they exchange hugs.

When Easter comes around they assemble in their church;  
They drink too much cheap wine New Year's Eve.

There is also a lonely boomerang-backed man living there,  
In his hands glass old-faithfuls wrapped with drap paper sacks.  
They don't amaze him anymore.  
He's seen it all a dozen times.

*Mick Dumke*