

## *It Wasn't in the Cards*

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"I'm in", I announced and sat down  
to play the cards I'd be dealt.

Flushed with a belief in luck,  
my strong suit, yet I was aware

no one holds all the aces. When  
the Jack of Hearts smiled at me,

I went "All in". Then the Queen of Clubs  
turned up on his left. The others

in this pack consisted of a wild card  
and a dude showing a deuce who insisted

we weren't playing with a full deck.  
Sadly, that Heart Jack and I didn't become

a pair. In fact, he turned out to be a joker.  
When the chips are down, I have to call

a spade a spade. Did love stack the deck  
against me? Who knows? That's the luck

of the draw. As I shuffled away  
I saw the deck of cards holding hands.