

The Ballad of the Skull Valley Boys

Anthologized by Pierre Sokolsky
on the Occasion of Gene Loh's
Retirement Toast



**Oh this is the story of the skull valley boys
They live on a mountain, they don't make much noise
They stay up all night, all alone midst the stars
While others go after wild women in bars.**



**There's George and there's Gene
They'r tough and they'r mean
They cuss a blue streak and they spit gasoline
But soon as the moon sets over the hill
They'r busy as beavers, at work at the till.**

George –
George Cassidy, received the U. of
Utah Distinguished Teaching
Award for his encounters with Aliens.

Gene –
Gene Loh, retired from the U. of U. and
leaving and returning the NSF
simultaneously and in reverse order.



**There's old peg-leg Mike, a gay blade to tell
He's rambled the world and he's given it hell
But what is the secret that broods in his brow
The trouble he's seen will not trouble him now.**

Peg Leg Mike –
Mike Salamon, retired to NASA
headquarters where he leads the
Nation's War on Gravity.



**There's preacher-man Jerry, he's short on the word
If silence were golden, then he'd be a pearl
But when cans are crushing him into the ground
He holds them up bravely, with narry a frown.**

Preacher-Man Jerry –
Jerry Elbert, retired to Seattle and
is writing books attacking religion.



**There's Bob and the Wizard, a perilous pair
Riding herd on computers, they'r strong and they'r fair
But arrows from Cupid have brought them both down
They've finally been lassoed by a fair pair of gals.**

Bob –

Bob Cady is a software specialist living in Salt Lake City. His son worked for HiRes last summer.

The Wizzard –

Dave Steck - Head of Computer Programing in one of the National Companies centered in Provo. His daughter worked for HiRes last summer.



**There's Lucky Pierre, with the copious hair
He thinks he's a wild man but he's just a big bear
He left the big city far over the plains
To live on this hill and to see better days.**

Lucky Pierre –
Pierre Sokolsky is on Sabbatical and
does not wish to be disturbed.



**There's Merciless Ming, from far over the sea
He's come to this country to learn and to see
But he's done so much work, that when he goes home
He'll be sorely missed by those who stay on.**

Merciless Ming –
Mingham Ye became the director
of China's proton accelerator
facility.



**So if you are riding through skull valley drear
Past the Stansbury Mountains to Dugways' grim cheer
Think of those boys all alone on the hill
Where the wild wind is whistling like a crazed whipperwill.**



