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# *It Isn't Easy To Keep a City Polished Or How To Use a Wino as a Doormat* \_\_\_\_\_

*James L. Rhodes*  
*Honorable Mention Poetry (Tie)*

Gutter snipe -  
Jive shit -  
Cheap, two-bit  
Flophouse poet.

Foul Stench -  
Cat's playing -  
Clanking, rattling  
Ratbone symphony.

Cramped hole -  
Bottle neck -  
Distorted, contorted  
World ablaze.

Mossy rock -  
Cool solace -  
Roachbug, beetle  
Filled existence.

Jerk - Cramp  
Social vomit -  
Butt-smoker, bum -  
Hole in your shoe.

Skank - slut  
Infested streets -  
Faggot, pimp  
Crack-head geek.

Garbage can  
Hunger man -  
Green corroded  
Big Mac eater.

Mouth foaming -  
Sudsy nozzle -  
Snot rag, beard  
Grade-A flypaper.

Ulcerated liver -  
Incontinent dripper -  
Bacterial playground  
Homicidal bent.

Stubborn-cranky  
Wine saturated -  
Rotten, deteriorated  
Sack of skin.

Street cleaner -  
Dispose of properly -  
Do not litter -  
Keep our city clean.