Larry

Alexander S. Peak

Larry 1.1 There was a leprechaun named Larry;

Larry 1.2 He had lost his way.

Larry 1.3 He was searching for a Laundromat

Larry.1.4 But instead found a café.

Larry.2.1 Little is known about Larry-

Larry.2.2 He was lovable, no doubt-

Larry 2.3 But he had quite a temper

Larry.2.4 At least when out and about.

Larry.3.1 You see,

Larry.4.1 It's a risky thing, being a leprechaun,

Larry.4.2 For without a little luck

Larry.4.3 A leprechaun can easily be caught

Larry.4.4 By one aiming to make a buck.

Larry.5.1 Everyone knows about leprechauns

Larry 5.2 And their love for dealing in gold.

Larry.5.3 And, with the economy as it is these days,

Larry.5.4 Hard money is something to behold.

Larry.6.1 It's true,

Larry 7.1 Larry eschewed flat currency,

Larry.7.2 And with very good cause:

Larry.7.3 He knew that central banking

Larry.7.4 Was just riddled with flaws.

Larry.8.1 Thus like other leprechauns,

Larry 8.2 Larry traded in gold.

Larry.8.3 "The state cannot inflate it,"

Larry.8.4 By economists he'd been told.

Larry.9.1 But because the paper money

Larry.9.2 Was so quickly falling in purchasing power,

Larry.9.3 Larry knew he was at greater risk than normal—

Larry 9.4 Demand had risen for his golden tower.

Larry 10.1 Larry was at great risk-

Larry.10.2 He knew this quite well-

Larry 10.3 So when he ran into a boy named Luke,

Larry 10.4 To his money he said farewell.

Larry.11.1 Alas,

Larry 12.1 Larry was surprised

Larry 12.2 By the interaction that day;

Larry 12.3 Instead of trying to take his gold,

Larry 12.4 Luke helped him find his way.

Larry 13.1 Larry was surprised

Larry 13.2 But extremely grateful nonetheless.

Larry 13.3 "Don't you know, boy," he had to ask,

Larry.13.4 "I'm a leprechaun against whom you could easily transgress?"

Larry 14.1 "Yes, sir," replied the boy,

Larry.14.2 "I know that quite truly.

Larry 14.3 But I believe in Liberty, not theft,

Larry.14.4 To take what's rightfully yours would be unruly."

Larry 15.1 And, well,

Larry.16.1 That's the story of Larry.

Larry.16.2 All that is known about him has thus been told.

Larry 16.3 But I've heard he did give Luke a piece of gold bullion,

Larry 16.4 In thanks he could not withhold.