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Hallelujah, I’m a Bum

_Hallelujah, I’m a Bum_ is an old rag bearing new news. Taking its title from Al Jolson’s Depression-era musical about a “happy hobo” occupying Central Park, this collection sends his tin-pan patter clattering into wholly novel regions of our current evening.

“...a fairytale catnap of “loose arousal” in a field where the bums are always winning.

— Alli Warren

“Garnett’s ear and humor delight and estrange — she peels apart the whole bum thing then throws it right back at and on you.

— Rod Smith

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