

**A REFRESHER COURSE IN  
"BURMA SHAVE,"  
I MISS THOSE DAYS, SOMEDAYS...WHILE  
DRIVING  
ON INTERSTATE ROADWAYS.  
BY VIC GROAH**

**A man, a miss,  
A car, a curve.  
He kissed the miss,  
And missed the curve.  
Burma Shave**

**I'm sure that Burma Shave actually saved some lives. People laughed and they were more careful! It was a REAL "service" to America, even though it was an advertisement and it was one of the RARE "really useful" ones!**

**To My Old-As-Dirt Friends and Relatives who qualify as "old as dirt." For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's. Before there were interstates when everyone drove the old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.**

**DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW  
OUT SO FAR  
IT MAY GO HOME  
IN ANOTHER CAR.  
Burma Shave**

**TRAINS DON'T WANDER  
ALL OVER THE MAP  
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS  
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP.  
Burma Shave**

**SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH  
BY MISTAKE  
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS  
HER HUSBAND JAKE.  
Burma Shave**

**DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD  
TO GAIN A MINUTE  
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD  
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT.  
Burma Shave**

**DROVE TOO LONG  
DRIVER SNOOZING  
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT  
IS NOT AMUSING.  
Burma Shave**

**BROTHER SPEEDER  
LET'S REHEARSE  
ALL TOGETHER  
GOOD MORNING, NURSE  
Burma Shave**

**CAUTIOUS RIDER  
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR  
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL  
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER.  
Burma Shave**

**SPEED WAS HIGH  
WEATHER WAS NOT  
TIRES WERE THIN  
X MARKS THE SPOT.  
Burma Shave**

**THE MIDNIGHT RIDE  
OF PAUL FOR BEER  
LED TO A WARMER  
HEMISPHERE.  
Burma Shave**

**AROUND THE CURVE  
LICKETY-SPLIT  
BEAUTIFUL CAR  
WASN'T IT?  
Burma Shave**

**NO MATTER THE PRICE  
NO MATTER HOW NEW  
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE  
IN THE CAR IS YOU.  
Burma Shave**

**A GUY WHO DRIVES  
A CAR WIDE OPEN  
IS NOT THINKIN'  
HE'S JUST HOPING  
Burma Shave**

**AT INTERSECTIONS  
LOOK EACH WAY  
A HARP SOUNDS NICE  
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY.  
Burma Shave**

**BOTH HANDS ON THE  
WHEEL  
EYES ON THE ROAD  
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL  
DRIVER'S CODE.  
Burma Shave**

**THE ONE WHO DRIVES  
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING  
DEPENDS ON YOU  
TO DO HIS THINKING.  
Burma Shave**

**CAR IN DITCH  
DRIVER IN TREE  
THE MOON WAS FULL  
AND SO WAS HE.  
Burma Shave**

**PASSING SCHOOL ZONE  
TAKE IT SLOW  
LET OUR LITTLE  
SHAVERS GROW.  
Burma Shave**

**Do these bring back any old  
memories? If not, you're merely  
a child. If they do - then you're  
old as dirt LIKE ME**

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