Are there Spirits in Gaming and Gambling?

Serve them up! Serve them up!

At your service drinks on the house
Copiously bestowed profusely sumptuously
with/without reciprocity a tip
Embraced in kind with generosity
The table turnsdealers deal
The pendulum swings non stop
True to the motto "All for our country"
Machines are activated with men and women engaged
submerged in a trance –
Men/Women innately want pleasure which to some is natural -worldly success-
-competitionwealth and immeasurable successYes!
Never wantingas the mind is completely absorbed in the stations of life
Win at any cost
Nevada! Nevada! Oh! Nevada "Snow-capped"
Las Vegas! Las Vegas!
Oh! Las Vegas the stripthe strip
Paying homage to the fore Thomas Hull who got his feet wet in 1941
El Rancho / Last Frontier
Frontier Frontier Oh! Frontier
The strip! – The strip! Oh! The strip
They are events for all
The choice is yours
Eccentricity! Exoticism! Whimsical! Nurturant! and Nudism!etc.etc
What is done in Vegas stays in Vegas" What a principled assumption
And one traveling gamer quoting her grandmother stated "Life in cotton wool
socks"implicit wisdom Yes! Implicit wisdom
I am no gamer nor gambler, but I understand the paradigm –
Winloosewin loose and all want to win at any cost!

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Vegas! Vegas! Oh! Las Vegas
   Humanity stratified/classified -----
   Roving the strip ---- the strip ----
   North/South -----South/North -----
   Perambulating! Perambulating!
   Connectors ----
   Rail, buses, taxies, helicopters ----- and the game remains the same ----
   Humanity insensitivity --- Yes! Insensitivity ----
   Compromise! "The Great Compromise"
   Caravans are encamped ----
   Fortune seekers parlayed ---
   San Pedro consolidated --- Yes consolidated ---
   And the tracks were laid ----
The desert was fertile with roving tourists and homesteaders ---stable
Government
   -----Carson City ----Carson City -----
   Law and order magnified -----
   No vigilante group though! -----
   The ranchers and cowboys were domiciliary ---
   The stakes were high --- and the game continues --- continues ---
   with Antonio Armijo riding furiously -----
   while Rafael Rivera surveyed the Oasis ----
   and nature prevailed ---Yes prevailed ----
   sustenance --- sustenance --- located ----
   Brigham Young decreed the Mormons to dig in ----Mormon Fort ----
   and John C. Fremont ---was immortalized ----
   what about the indigenous prospectors ---- Washoe, Paiute, Shoshone ---
   Home Land owners -----aboriginal
   Remember the Anasazi Indians -----
   Sacajawea --- the interpreter ---interpreter ----
   what about medicine man Wovoka -----
   and Sarah Winnemucca the writer ----
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Their Ghosts are prevalent ---prevalent ---you feel the vibration inside the rhythm ---The game continues! Continues! Unabated -----Lights—machines, gambling paraphernalia, ladies and men of the night ----Some individuals wear a mask -----Many have a game face ----Others have prescribed ways --- they do not want anyone to stand close to them, or speak ---neither interact with them ----A few are intuitive ---know bad luck ---And the casual gamer has no set manner --- just goes with the flow — an experience --- I suppose ----The High Rollers are surreptitious—visible to themselves --- I presume they are cloaked with an excessive fondness for rituals ---mob/garrison mentality ------But Who controls the odds/outcomes ---who? How does one reverses the order and ordeal! Who controls the decks? How does one manages the outcome? Who views the stacks? Who monitors the dealers' hands? Who controls the electricity? Who activates the switches? Just who ---who! — who! The Hoover dam ---the Hoover dam-----Who controls water, land and mineral rights ----Who! Who! Who! The Ghosts dancers are watching ---- watching! watching! ---Just a matter of time ---Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate! Nevada! Nevada! Nevada!

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The 36th state –Nevada day October 31st.----

Native spirits are nurturing the springs, lakes, mineral resources, environment, song birds, wild life, ---flowers, trees, mountains and grass -----

The Ghosts are vibrating ---vibrating -inside the Mojave desert --- and Grand Canyon ---

As the levers are pulled and the buttons are depressed ---the rotation begins within the Valley of Fire ---and king George 111 is not within the radius – ---- George stumbled!

Permutation ---- Permutation ----

Justice! Justice! Justice!

Allotments removed -----

The guns silenced -----

The symbols resuscitated ----

The legends are unearthed -----

The ducks are roving ----

The decoys subsided ----

The desert is restored -----

Urban dwellings ceases ----

Test sites submerged -----

Truth is the basis for trust ----

Las Vegas is indigenous territory ----

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See you in Vegas!

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