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***THE BETTER BET***

I gaze into my typewriter  
And wonder what to write  
For something sciencefictional  
Is in my mind tonight.

To write about romantic love  
Would be a pleasant change,  
But slush at fifteen cents a line  
Is far outside my range.

Then which would be the better bet?  
The query on my face  
Is answered by my typewriter,  
Which has the key: BACK SPACE!

ANTHONY BRODE