

## Count Down and Count Up

### Confrontation in the Parking Lot

1 For  
2 second  
3 time, the same  
4 old man spies my  
5 Obama sticker  
6 and snarls the same question:  
7 “Do you support Obama?”  
8 I responded in the same way.  
9 “Yes I most certainly do.”, smiling.  
10 He says Obama’s borrowing’s turning  
10 us into a Third World country. I said  
9 to review history and the Bush mess.  
8 I did not mention Bush wars, deals  
7 leading to money crisis.  
6 Muddled man in mind-warp.  
5 I backed car, sticker  
4 facing him, moves  
3 closer to  
2 gaping  
1 mouth.

### Chronically Curious Crone

Oh  
to know  
mystery  
from history,  
continue to learn,  
to love, ardently yearn  
explore the vast universe  
understand the whole multiverse  
from reading or from watching TV.  
I’m too old to do it physically.

## Where Do We Go?

What awaits us after we leave this life?  
We become universal midwife  
in heaven or elsewhere? Some tell  
others they should go to hell.  
On my next cosmic flight  
I will look for light,  
tilted angles  
mean angels–  
above  
love.

## Count Down and Count Up:

1. Written in ten lines.
2. Unrhymed.
3. Syllable Count: Count Down: 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 Count Up is: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10
4. Example uses Count Up and Count Down connected.
5. Count Up single is rhymed couplets. Count Down single is rhymed couplets.