

## Human Cannonball

Loudon Wainwright III

Emmanuel Zucchini Senior  
The Human Cannonball  
Died in Sarasota Monday  
Eighty-four was all

From Italy in Thirty-four  
John Ringling brought him here  
Broken neck in Fifty-one  
Ended his career

But in those years in between  
Seventeen in all  
Few flew as fast or as far

As the Cannonball  
Fifty-eight yards and one foot  
Was the distance that he went

Fifty-four miles in an hour  
The speed that he was sent

Two of his brothers and two daughters  
Nine grandchildren in all  
And the one great grandchild

Survive the Cannonball  
He died on Monday where he lived  
It happens to us all  
Shot through the air expecting nets  
A flight and then a fall