

No Mulligans

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If at first you don't succeed, try and try some more.
That's the mantra that I've heard, but I get no mulligans.
If my drive off the tee is measured in feet, not yards,
I count the stroke, address the ball, and swing at it again.

That's the way it's always been,
To roll for a strike and down but a pin,
To drive the ball a dozen feet,
To hope for an ace and draw but a ten.

But things go well every now and then,
I roll a strike, putt for a par,
Make the bucket, win the pot,
Find a groove and bat the ball out of the park.

I'll get one life and no do-overs,
The mistakes I make are my lessons learned,
If the first stroke is in feet, not yards, I hit it again, and then again,
But I go the course and each stroke counts.
I get no mulligans.