

## Elk's Lodge

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Once there was a mighty Elk  
That had a room with a view  
Of a motor lodge parking lot  
Next to a petting zoo

He worked at the zoo for a man  
Who gave him free room and board.  
He had it pretty good, even though  
He missed running with the horde.

By day he worked in his cage  
And let children pet his nose  
But he couldn't stop asking himself  
"Is this the life I chose?"