

*I Called in Sick Two Days  
in a Row This Week to Play  
a Game on My Phone*

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Well, more accurately  
I called in with car trouble  
Because I had already  
Called in sick this month  
Somehow, car trouble seemed  
More believable

While we're on the subject,  
I called in with car trouble  
Because I didn't have it in me  
To face the day

So, playing a game on my phone  
Was a sort of sanctuary  
From depression

& I can't call in depressed  
Because, in my own twisted mind  
I'm too somehow old for that  
Depression isn't cute  
With a greying beard

So, I favor the prudence of lies