



At a party for the elements

That mumbler, Molybdenum,
getting on in years,
has cornered Niobium
and bored her to tears.
Shy Neodymium's
pressed to the fridge
refusing to leave Iron's side.

The noble gases gather
far to the right, refuse to mix,
shun flamboyant Neon
for allowing itself to be twisted
into the service of commerce.

Nobelium circulates
among a small group –
Einsteinium, Lawrencium,
Fermium, Curium,
and worst of all, Bohrium –
all shy newcomers
who find it hard to talk
without a blackboard and chalk.
Lacking social graces
brings them to a halt
when found in artsier places
with Cadmium and Cobalt.

How different with Oxygen!
When she enters the room
it's a breath of fresh air.
Attractive and interactive,
she dances with almost all.

And, as ever, there's no contest tonight –
For every party's brightest light
is always Tungsten.

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