

The message is found in a special book,
The name of which I'll have to overlook.
The author is a man we all know well;
His name is Martin Gardner, I must tell.

The page numbers come from a special draw.
The Marxists would call it most bourgeois.
They had to do the draw some 20 times
Before some guys would go and claim the prize.

For numbers two stanzas ahead, I plea:
Let us refer to one of them as "z."
I bid thee, go "z" marks and char'cters forward.
Your letter will appear; it's quite straightforward!

Please use each of these numbers as the "z."
You must go in the order that you see.
Go to the start of the page, for each set.
Don't go back to the start; finish the rest.

The first set of numbers is nine, one, seven.
The second set is ten, four, twenty; even.
The third set will be thirteen and nineteen.
The fourth is ten, twenty-four, and sixteen.

The fifth set is quite long, as you can see:
Forty-two, forty-six, three, twenty-three,
Nineteen, two, eleven, one, eight, and last:
Thirty-three. Phew, I'm glad the big set's passed.

The sixth set now, we're about to contrive:
Sixty-seven, twelve, eight, thirty-nine, five,
Sixteen, twenty-six, five, seventy-nine.
Those are the rules for you that I assign.