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Adventures In Poetry

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ADVENTURES IN POETRY

	I looked	I looked
	I looked	in the rear
	in the rear	view
	view	mirror
	mirror	in the rear view mirror
in the rear view mirror	and saw	that the pig
and saw	that the pig	and saw that the pig
and saw that the pig	had a service	revolver
had a service	revolver	had a service revolver
had a service revolver	against	the brother's
against	the brother's	forehead
the brother's	forehead	against the brother's forehead.
against the brother's forehead.		

	Shifting	Shifting
	their feet	their feet
	slowly	slowly
	Shifting their feet slowly,	Shifting their feet slowly,
Shifting their feet slowly,	chanting	chanting
and singing	and singing	and singing
chanting and singing,	they begin	they begin
they begin	the Dance	the Dance
the Dance	they begin the Dance	they begin the Dance
they begin the Dance	Gazing-	Gazing-
Gazing-	Into-The-Sun	Into-The-Sun
Into-The-Sun	Gazing-Into-The-Sun.	Gazing-Into-The-Sun.
Gazing-Into-The-Sun.		

	white	white
	cum	cum
	white cum	white cum
	dripping	dripping
	dripping	dripping
	down	down
	her legs	her legs
	down her legs	down her legs
down her legs		

large	as Hindu-
clear	derived
brown	as Hindu-derived
eyes	gods
large clear brown eyes,	gods,
disarmingly	they are
easy	vegetarian
manner	they are vegetarian,
disarmingly easy manner,	
straight	freezing
out	beans
straight out	freezing beans,
in front	carrots
of me	carrots,
in front of me	and peas
	and peas;
As he dialed	making
As he dialed,	pickles
I made	making pickles;
a mental	canning
note	tomatoes
I made a mental note	canning tomatoes.
of the number	
of the number.	"come
	out
The pentagon	of that truck
of power	come out of that truck
The pentagon of power,	real
with	slow
its missiles	real slow
with its missiles,	with your hands
computers	up
computers,	with your hands up
and nuclear	or we'll blow
warheads	this man's
and nuclear warheads,	head
is the modern	off
equivalent	or we'll blow
is the modern equivalent	this man's head off!"

"Alright
 Alright,
 hands
 behind
 your back
 hands behind your back,
 hands
 behind
 your back
 hands behind your back!"

 the scientists
 who tend
 them
 the scientists who tend them
 a new
 priesthood
 a new priesthood;

 Click
 Click,
 click
 click,
 handcuffs
 handcuffs,
 We were jammed
 tight
 We were jammed tight.

 and rocket
 flight
 and rocket flight
 to a lifeless
 moon
 to a lifeless moon
 our re-enactment
 of the worship
 of the dead
 our re-enactment
 of the worship of the dead.

A bunch
 of us
 A bunch of us
 went
 to Pepperland
 went to Pepperland
 friday
 nite
 friday nite
 to catch
 Charles Lloyd
 to catch Charles Lloyd,
 Capt. Beefheart
 Capt. Beefheart,
 and Hot
 Tuna
 and Hot Tuna.

At sunset
 At sunset
 he boarded
 his solar
 boat
 he boarded his solar boat
 to accompany
 the sun
 to accompany the sun
 through
 the underworld
 through the underworld

You remember
 what it was
 like
 You remember what it was like
 not
 to have
 any worries
 not to have any worries.

		as it spurted
		out
		as it spurted out
		in great
		thick
The bomb		in great thick gobs
blew		from the enormous
The bomb blew out		head
walls		from the enormous head
walls,		
tore		
a hole		
tore a hole		
in the ceiling		
in the ceiling,		
demolished		
lavatories		
		demolished lavatories,
		scattered
		concrete
		and cinderblock
		scattered concrete and cinderblock
		into the stairway
		into the stairway
		and bent
In his lifetime		steel
In his lifetime,		beams
a man		
produces		and bent steel beams
a man produces		encased
billions		in structural
of sperm		concrete
cells		encased in structural concrete.
billions of sperm cells		
like the one		
shown		
above		
like the one shown above,		
magnified		
10,000		
times		

		magnified 10,000 times
		by an electron
		scanning
		microscope
		by an electron
		scanning microscope.
A girl		
screams		
A girl screams		
as fellow		
student		
		as fellow student
		lies
		dead
		lies dead
		after
		National
		Guard
Go		after National Guard
into a two-		opened
week		fire
Go into a two-week		opened fire
downspin		
of depression		
downspin of depression		
that we can't		
shake		
that we can't shake		
		Thus
		there develops
		Thus there develops
		an eternal
		tie
		an eternal tie
		between
		the two
		between the two.
A bulging		
vein		
A bulging vein		
and needle		
scars		
and needle scars		
"tracks		
tracks"		

	Weathermen
	Weathermen
	are the most
	beautiful
	brave
are the most beautiful	
brave,	He must dance
wise	constantly
people	He must dance constantly
wise people...	facing
young	the sun
gods	facing the sun,
young gods	and he must move
and godliness	on the ground
and godliness.	and he must move on the ground
	or suspended
	in cruel
	space
	or suspended in cruel space,
	at all times
	at all times
	except
	for brief
	formal
	rest
	periods
except for brief formal	
rest periods	
when the attendants	
may wipe	
his bleeding	
wounds	
when the attendants may wipe	
his bleeding wounds	
with water	
and medicines	
with water and medicines.	

We sat
on the yellow-green
grass
We sat

The three
clung
together
The three
clung together
for a long
time

Thus
a hidden
spiritual
power
Thus a hidden
spiritual power
emanates
from them
emanates from them,
influencing
and dominating
others
influencing
and dominating others
without
their being aware

on the yellow-green grass
fringing
Frog
Lake
fringing Frog Lake,

for a long time
and then
gradually
and then gradually
they began
to come
apart
they began to come apart.

without their being aware
of how
it happens
of how it happens.

His breath
His breath
began
to come
began to come
 in sharp
 hisses
in sharp hisses
from between
his clenched
teeth
 from between
his clenched teeth.
 and the frogs!"
 and the Red
Hoopoo-Headed
and the Red Hoopoo-Headed
 Desire-Goddess
 Desire-Goddess,
 holding
 a bow
 and arrow
 in the hand
holding a bow and arrow
in the hand
and aimed
 and aimed;
 See me,
 feel me
 See me, feel me,
 tough me,
 heal me
 touch me, heal me!

fully
twelve
inches
fully twelve inches
and more
long

and more
long

so that
the symbolical
color
designations

and about
three
inches
and about three inches
in thickness
in thickness.

so that the symbolical
color designations
of these
directions
of these directions
appear
as a rainbow
appear as a rainbow
of concentric
circular
bands
of concentric circular bands.

Still
euphoric
Still euphoric
from his third
hit
of the day
from his third hit
of the day,
he watches
old men
he watches old men
play
shuffleboard
play shuffleboard

One
charter
pilot

One charter pilot

told

me

told me

that 'friendly'

opium

shipments

that 'friendly'

opium shipments

get special

get special

CIA

CIA

clearance

clearance

and monitoring

and monitoring

on their flights

southward

on their flights southward

out

of the country

out of the country

He was

found

in his cell

He was found

in his cell

at 12:45 p.m.

Saturday

at 12:45 p.m. Saturday,

dangling

from the end

of a rope

dangling from the end

of a rope

he had fashioned

out of

he had fashioned out of

torn

strips

of blanket

torn strips

of blanket.

two
or three
flights
two or three flights
without
this 'protection'
without this 'protection'
crashed
crashed
under mysterious
circumstances
under mysterious circumstances."

while their rigid pricks
tried
to push
through
tried to push through
the blue
material
the blue material
of their pants
of their pants.

the cocks
the cocks
of the two
young
cops
of the two young cops
both
sprawling
both sprawling
With outstretched
legs
with outstretched legs
in their chairs
in their chairs
while their rigid
pricks

The day
before
The day before
the guard
had caught
Leon
the guard had caught Leon
wrapping
a blanket
wrapping a blanket
around
his neck
around his neck.

"Fuck
me
Fuck me,
kill me

kill me,
do anything
you want
to me
do anything
you want to me,
but do something
to me

but do something to me."

Binding
his arm
Binding his arm
with a belt
with a belt
to make
his veins
to make his veins
easier
to find

the Greenish-Black
the Greenish-Black
Vulture-Headed
Vulture-Headed
Eater-Goodness

Eater-Goddess,
holding
a baton
holding a baton
in the hand
in the hand;

easier to find,
for his first
hit

of the day
for his first hit
of the day

began	"I'm going
to flow	to go
began to flow	I'm going to go
in great	down
throbs	there
in great throbs	down there
	with my fur
	hat
Some	with my fur hat
young	and my feathers
users	and my feathers
Some young users	and see
shoot	all those
shoot	kids
between	and see all those kids
their toes	who are still
between their toes	working
or under	in gas
their tongues	stations
or under their tongues	who are still working
	in gas stations
	and driving
Warm	dry
rays	cleaning
Warm rays	trucks
from the sun	and driving
disk	dry cleaning trucks
from the sun disk	while I'm
descend	making
on the monarch	while I'm making
descend on the monarch.	\$50,000
	a night
	\$50,000 a night.
I'm going	
I'm going	
to ram it	
up	
	to ram it up
	their asses
	their asses."

One
freak
One freak
runs
into a shop
runs into a shop,
on his ass
on his ass
about 8
Disneyland
pigs
about 8 Disneyland pigs
(keystone
cops
keystone cops,
cowboys

cowboys,
the 7th
cavalary
the 7th cavalary,
etc.),
you can hear
shit
getting
smashed
you can hear shit
getting smashed
and knocked
about
and knocked about
in the store
in the store

ask him to show
his identification
his identification.

If a police
officer
If a police office
is not
in uniform
is not in uniform,
ask him
to show

From
the government
position
From the government position
on the hilltop
in southern
Laos
on the hilltop

stood in southern Laos,
around we could see
his couch the Communist
stood around his couch, lines
when we could see
two the Communist lines
great
white swans

when two great white swans
who had come
with the storks
who had come with the storks

flew
into the hall
flew into the hall

Twenty
of the big
bombers
Twenty of the big bombers
unloaded
600 tons
of bombs
unloaded 600 tons of bombs
on enemy
bunkers
on enemy bunkers,
base
camps
base camps
and staging
areas
and staging areas

Fat
Annie
Fat Annie,
a former
prostitute
a former prostitute
and madam

and madam
who became
a heroin
supplier
who became
a heroin supplier
to other
madams
to other madams
and pimps
and pimps
and thereby
opened
the door
and thereby opened the door
to fulfillment
to fulfillment
of all
her wishes

of all her wishes.

and the Red
Horse-Headed
and the Red Horse-Headed
Delight-Goddess
Delight Goddess,
holding
a huge
trunk
holding a huge trunk
of a corpse
of a corpse;

All
three
sections
All three sections
represent
different
versions
represent different versions
of the same
thing

of the same thing,
seen
from various
angles

For this tribal
war
has
For this tribal war has,
as one
of its prizes
as one of its prizes,
an area
capable
of producing

"I got
it all
now
I got it all now,
baby
baby,"
she boasts
she boasts.

seen from different angles
of vision
of vision.

an area capable of producing,
on an annual
basis
on an annual basis,
four
to ten
tons
four to ten tons
of marketable
opium
of marketable opium.

This is equal
to
This is equal to
from \$2-6
million
from \$2-6 million
in Laotian
currency
in Laotian currency.

from the airplane,
the motor
starts
spinning
the motor starts spinning
and the bomblets
are dispersed
in all directions
are dispersed in all directions.

"Most
of it
Most of it
I put
on my back
I put on my back
or in
my stomach
or in my stomach.

After
the bomb
After the bomb
has been dropped
from the airplane
has been dropped

Although
oil
seepage
Although oil seepage
noxious
chemicals
noxious chemicals,
industrial
wastes
industrial wastes,
debris
and silt
debris and silt
continue
to befoul
continue to befoul

Some
I spend
on men
Some I spend on men.

The rest	Refined
goes	as heroin
to the bank	Refined as heroin
The rest	and sold
goes to the bank."	on the streets
	of Los Angeles
and sold on the streets	
of Los Angeles,	Mattresses
it would bring	Mattresses,
nearly	chairs
it would bring nearly	and other
\$900 million	articles
\$900 million.	chairs
	and other articles
But the inmates	were set
hurled	fire
But the inmates hurled	were set fire
the unexploded	and sent
canisters	showering
the unexploded canisters	down
back	and sent showering down
to the street	to the crowded
back to the street.	streets
	to the crowded streets.
the leather	
boy	I'll stick
the leather boy	it
clicked	deep
open	inside
a small	I'll stick it
tube	deep inside,
clicked open a small tube	I'll stick it
and shoved	deep inside
the etherlike	I'll stick it deep inside,
smell	Cause
the etherlike smell	I'm loose
into Chuck's	Cause I'm loose...
nostril	
into Chuck's nostril.	

Police
said
Police said
there were
numerous
needle
marks
there were numerous
needle marks
on both of
Janis's
arms
on both of Janis's arms,
with fresh
needle
marks
with fresh needle marks
on her left
arm
on her left arm.

they remain
they remain
"ghosts
ghosts"
until
until,
having worked
out
their karmic
fate
having worked out
their karmic fate,
they are reborn
they are reborn
into another
realm
into another realm.

The belief
The belief
that those
who meet
that those who meet
violent
deaths
violent deaths
became
evil
spirits
became evil spirits

Medical
evidence
Medical evidence
revealed
revealed
that Hendrix
died
that Hendrix died
through
inhaling
vomit
through inhaling vomit
due to barbiturate
intoxication
due to barbiturate intoxication

Later	When his power
he and a friend	When his power
Later he and a friend	appears
he initiated	to be waning
he initiated	appears to be waning,
take	the king
a hit	must die
together	the king must die,
take a hit together	so that the power
and spend	can migrate
the evening	so that the power can migrate
and spend the evening	to a fitter
dozing	receptacle
dozing	to a fitter receptacle.
and watching	
television	Low-lying
and watching television	fog
	Low-lying
and rolled	fog
out	in the valleys
replicas	hung in the valleys
and rolled out replicas	soaking
all over	soaking
the universe	the last
all over the universe	of autumn's
	leaves
Other	the last of autumn's leaves.
their resulting	
fame	The cum
Often their resulting fame	was warm
is only	The cum was warm
a momentary	when
thing	it fell
is only a momentary thing,	when it fell,
and their material	turned
rewards	cold
and their material rewards	turned cold
are seldom	within
commensurate	seconds
are seldom commensurate.	within seconds,

A note	Helmeted
A note	policemen
thrown	Helmeted policemen,
from a window	carrying
thrown from a window	shotguns
by a prisoner	carrying shotguns
said	and tear
by a prisoner said:	gas
	and tear gas,
	ran
	alongside
	the building
ran alongside the building,	
ducking	
the falling	
debris	
ducking the falling debris	the performance
and stepping	of ritual
over	the performance of ritual
and stepping over	and group
still-smouldering	intercourse
mattresses	and group intercourse
still-smouldering mattresses.	to attain
	release
	to attain release
	through
	orgasmic
self-control	
through orgasmic self-control.	"The people
	The people
ripping	are tired
ripping	of being treated
the cock	are tired of being treated
and balls	like animals
the cock and balls	in hell
from the dead	like animals in hell
man's	
body	
from the dead man's body.	

A strange midday
 darkness
 moved
 across
 much
 moved across much
 of the North
 American
 continent
 of the North American continent
 yesterday
 yesterday
 as the sun
 as the sun,
 the moon
 and the earth
 the moon and the earth
 came
 into alignment
 came into alignment
 burning
 of the eyes
 burning of the eyes;
 copious
 flow
 of tears
 copious flow of tears;
 coughing
 coughing;
 difficulty
 in breathing
 difficulty in breathing
 and chest
 tightness
 and chest tightness.

A strange
 midday
 darkness

I might
 die
 I might die
 from
 the beating-up
 from the beating-up
 but it is
 worth it
 but it is worth it."

and the White
 Eagle-Headed
 and the White Eagle-Headed
 Mighty-Goddess
 Mighty-Goddess,
 holding
 a club
 holding a club
 in the hand
 in the hand;

Inside
 the United
 States
 Inside the United States
 we will have
 war
 we will have war.

Lewistown
Lewistown
had a gold
rush
had a gold rush
in the eighteen-

Lewistown
Lewistown
had a gold
rush
had a gold rush

nineties
in the eighteen-nineties,
an oil
boom
an oil boom
in the nineteen-
twenties
in the nineteen-twenties,
and a missile
boom
and a missile boom
in the nineteen-
sixties
in the nineteen-sixties-

when
the Air
Force
when the Air Force
built
silos
built silos
for 150
minutemen
missiles
for 150 minutemen missiles
amid
the straw-
colored
plains
amid the straw-colored plains
just
outside
town

just outside town
where
100
years
ago
where 100 years ago
the Sioux
the Sioux,
Blackfeet
and Gros Ventre
Blackfeet and Gros Ventre
hunted
buffalo
hunted buffalo.

Three
time
bombs
Three time bombs
exploded
in midtown
exploded in midtown
within
minutes

within minutes
of each
other
of each other
early
today
early today,
wrecking
wrecking
the skyscraper
offices

If you are
stopped
If you are stopped
and/or
arrested
and/or arrested
by the police
by the police,
you may
remain
silent
you may remain silent;
you do not have
to answer
you do not have to answer
any questions
about
alleged
crimes
about alleged crimes.

the skyscraper offices
of three
of three
of the country's
biggest
corporations
of the country's
biggest corporations.

A king
may recognize
A king may recognize
no man
as his superior

no man as his superior,
or may yield
precedence
or may yield precedence,
tribute
or homage
tribute or homage
to another

to another,
as kings
have acknowledged
an emperor

the Carnegie
Corporation
the Carnegie Corporation
has found
that most
schools

has found that most schools
not only
fail
to educate
children
adequately
not only fail to educate
children adequately
but are also
"oppressive"
but are also "oppressive,"
"grim
grim
and "joyless
and "joyless."

as kings have acknowledged

but finds
it difficult
but finds it difficult
to stay
awake
to stay awake
while
on heroin
while on heroin,
often
dozing off
often dozing off
in class
in class.

"Don't
 touch
 him
 Don't touch him,
 he's
 going
 to die
 anyway
he's going to die anyway,
let him
die
let him die,
he's going
to die
he's going to die..."

 at the west end
of this sprawling
 community

of this sprawling community
that calls
itself
that calls itself
 America's
 Home
 Town
America's Home Town,

and the Green
Stag-Headed
and the Green Stag-Headed
 Wealth-Guardian
 Goddess
Wealth-Guardian Goddess,
 holding
 an urn
 holding an urn
 in the hand
in the hand;

It goes
away
inside
itself
It goes away
inside itself
where
it feels
safe
again
where it feels
safe again,
where
everything
where everything
is very nice
again
is very nice again,
and where
everything
slows
down
and where everything
slows down
more
and more
more and more,
until
until,
usually
usually,
one
day
one day
the music
just stops
the music just stops.

But here
in the temple
But here in the temple
before
the images
before the images
of Buddha
of Buddha,
the animal
world
the animal world
touches
the divine
touches the divine.

the biggest
the biggest,
longest
longest,
thickest
prick
thickest prick
he had ever
laid
eyes
on
he had ever laid
eyes on.

for which
another
person
for which another person
was mainly
a pretext
was mainly a pretext.

Near
the house
Near the house
are the barn
and silo

wear
flowing
garments
wear flowing garments
that shield
their bodies
that shield their bodies,
from the fierce
sun
from the fierce sun
and blowing
sand

He maintains
that there is
He maintains that there is
something
about
systems
something about systems
that causes
them
that causes them
to be self-stimulating

are the barn and silo,
cattle
shed
cattle shed
and feeding
corral
and feeding corral,
machine
shed
machine shed,
corncribs
corncribs,
and chicken
house
and chicken house.

and blowing sand
during
the daytime
during the daytime.

buried
his face
buried his face
in my neck
in my neck

to be self-stimulating--

offerings
offerings
molded
of butter
molded of butter

Now
Now
Hendrix
and Joplin
Hendrix and Joplin
are dead
for real
are dead for real,
back
to back
back to back

His satiny
skin
His satiny skin
glistened
in front
of my eyes
glistened in front of my eyes
when he pulled
back
when he pulled back.

they have
a bias
they have a bias
toward
their most
recently
exhibited
behavior

feed
the leaping
flames
feed the leaping flames
(right
right),
and the spirit
moves on
and the spirit moves on
toward
its next
incarnation
toward its next incarnation.

At night
At night,
the same
garments
the same garments
protect
their bodies
protect their bodies
against
the cold
against the cold.

toward their most recently
exhibited behavior.

The second
exploded
The second exploded
at 1:56
at 1:56
in a men's
room
in a men's room
at the IBM
offices
at the IBM offices
on the 12th floor
of the building
of the building
on Park Ave
at 55th St
on Park Ave at 55th St.

For traveling
and hauling
For traveling and hauling,
the family
the family
uses both
a station
wagon
uses both a station wagon
and a pickup
truck
and a pickup truck.

Bill
could not
believe
Bill could not believe
his own
ears
his own ears.

Police
have no right
Police have no right
to search
to search
your car
or your car
your car or your home
unless
they have
unless they have
a search
warrant
a search warrant
or probable
cause
or probable cause

The farm
family
The farm family
lives
in a comfortable
oil-heated
house
lives in a comfortable
oil-heated house.

In a scrub
pine
woodland
In a scrub pine
woodland
on undulating
terrain
on undulating terrain
at the west
end

A man's
body
A man's body
is his own
is his own,
and when
he gives
his body
and when he gives his body
or his flesh
or his flesh,
he is giving
the only
thing
he is giving the only thing
which really
belongs
to him
which really belongs to him.

We accepted
the principle
We accepted the principle
of revolutionary
suicide
of revolutionary suicide.

I have lost
contact
I have lost contact
with all
my friends
with all my friends
and I don't know
where
anyone is
and I don't know
where anyone is.

In effect
In effect,
the United
States
is covering
up
the United States is covering up
and sometimes
subsidizing
and sometimes subsidizing
the opium
traffic
the opium traffic
which it purports
to be eradicating
which it purports to be eradicating.

The high
only lasts
The high only lasts
four
to six
hours
four to six hours.

He fought
with maces
He fought with maces,
daggers
and spears
daggers and spears
on fields
filled
on fields filled
with charging
chariots
with charging chariots
and bronze-tipped
arrows
and bronze-tipped arrows.

Most	and there
important	and there,
Most important	in its innermost
Amanita	depths
muscaria	in its innermost depths,
Amanita muscaria,	on a golden
a crimson-spotted	altar
mushroom	on a golden altar,
	among
	dragons
Among dragons,	
lotus	
flowers	a crimson-spotted mushroom,
lotus flowers,	a powerful
brocades	hallucinogen
brocades,	a powerful hallucinogen
peacock	still used
feathers	by Seriban
peacock feathers,	tribesmen
the flicker	still used
of butter	by Serbian tribesmen,
burning	
the flicker	
	of butter burning
	in tiny
and a relative	cups
of the milder	in tiny cups,
and a relative	and butter
on the milder	worked
Psilocybe	into elaborate
mexicana	shapes
Psilocybe mexicana,	and patterns
	and butter worked
	into elaborate shapes
and patterns	
for offering	
for offering,	to face
to find	with
oneself	to find oneself
face	face to face with

The first
bomb
The first bomb
went off
at 1:39
went off at 1:39
in a hallway
of the 24th
floor
in a hallway
of the 34th floor
of the Mobil
building
of the Mobil building.

in a sitting
position
in a sitting position,
wearing
a jewelled
crown
wearing a jewelled crown
and clothing
and clothing
of a young
Indian
prince
of a young Indian prince.

Cum
dripped
Cum dripped
from the corner
of his mouth
from the corner
of his mouth,
dripped
from the hole
of his ass
dripped
from the hole of his ass,
as his own
sperm
as his own sperm
pumped
into Malcomb's
pumped into Malcomb's
still convulsing
hole
Still convulsing hole.

See
me
See me,
feel
me
feel me,
touch
me
touch me,
heal
me
heal me.

he pulled	Correction
it out	officers
he pulled it out	Correction officers
so the other	with night
kids	sticks
so the other kids	with night sticks
could see	and ax
it	handles
could see it	and ax handles
rammed	crowd
back	together
rammed back	crowd together
full	in effort
in	to beat
full in	prisoner
to the hilt	in effort to beat prisoner
to the hilt.	just pushed
	off
working	platform
out	just pushed off platform
working out	
of one's	Snow
karma	Snow
of one's karma,	covers
which consists	the farm
of the consequences	covers the farm
which consists	during most
of the consequences	of the winter
of the good	during most of the winter.
and evil	
deeds	Brown
of the good and evil deeds	Rice
committed	Brown Rice
committed	Raisins
in all	Raisins
one's	Dates
previous	Dates
existences	Rolled
in all one's	Oats
previous existences.	Rolled Oats

He knows	Do not
He knows	engage in
that the people	Do not engage in
are home	"friendly"
that the people are home	conversations
watching	friendly "conversations"
TV	with officers
watching TV.	with officers
	on the way to
A mother	or at
hog	the station
A mother hog	on the way to
usually	or at the station.
gives	
birth	The number
usually gives birth	of cars
to a litter	The number of cars,
to a litter	trucks
of 8 to 10	and buses
pigs	trucks and buses
at a time	registered
of 8 to 10 pigs at a time.	in this country
	registered in this country
The inmates	is increasing
called	twice
the guards	as fast
The inmates called	is increasing twice as fast
the guards,	as the human
who found	population
Romano	as the human population
who found Romano	
lying	strewn
on the floor	with a profusion
of his cell	of pink
lying on the floor	strewn with a profusion of pink,
of his cell	green
with his throat	and yellow
cut	poppies
with his throat cut.	green and yellow poppies.

As the acid
As the acid
started
to come on
started to come on
we read
the Ching
we read the Ching,
and Hugh
began
to cry
and Hugh began to cry.

one
of the Vietcong's
one of the Vietcong's
basic
arms
basic arms
before
it was introduced
here
before it was introduced here
in vast
quantities
in vast quantities
to arm
the commandos
to arm the commandos,
or fedayeen
or fedayeen.

his life
was at a stage
his life was at a stage
where
a drastic
change
where a drastic change
had to be made

Their muscles
were apparently
Their muscles were apparently
so out
of condition
so out of condition
that they had trouble
walking
that they had trouble walking,
lifting
objects
lifting objects
and even
sleeping
and even sleeping.

the Soviet-
designed
the Soviet-designed
assault
rifle
assault rifle
known
here
known here
as the Kalashnikov
as the Kalashnikov.

Their home
Their home
has one
or more
has one or more
telephones
and radios
telephones and radios,
and a television
set
and a television set.

urban	After
guerilla	being beaten
warfare	unconscious
urban guerrilla warfare	After being beaten unconscious
in the United	(see
States	photos
in the United States	left and above
	see photos left and above)
And he just	prisoner
cried	is dragged
And he just cried	away
and cried	prisoner is dragged away
and cried	by guards
and cried.	by guards
	Moments
where	after
its lord	Moments after
where its lord	his last
lay	hit
in the great	of the day
hall	his last hit of the day
lay in the great hall	Tom's
on his downy	eyes
cushions	are dilated
on his downy cushions	Tom's eyes are dilated,
covered	bright
with a leopard	and brimming
skin	bright and brimming.
covered with a leopard skin.	
	I love
I love	you
you	I love you
I love you	and when
and when	I think
I think	this
this	and when I think this
and when I think this	I flip
I flip	I flip
I flip	

and in its phallic	and in its phallic
form	form
and in its phallic form	and in its phallic form
the ancients	the ancients
saw	saw
the ancients saw	the ancients saw
a replica	a replica
a replica	a replica
of the fertility	of there fertility
god	god
of the fertility god	of the fertility god
himself	himself
himself.	himself.
The colors	The colors
of such	of such
drawings	drawings
The colors of such drawings	The colors of such drawings
were supposed	were supposed
to change	to change
and induce	and induce
after-images	after-images
and induce after-images	and induce after-images
upon	upon
extended	extended
scrutiny	scrutiny
upon extended scrutiny	upon extended scrutiny
and meditation	and meditation
and meditation	and meditation
The kitchen	The kitchen
The kitchen	The kitchen
has a modern	has a modern
stove	stove
has a modern stove	has a modern stove
and an electric	and an electric
refrigerator	refrigerator
and an electric refrigerator.	and an electric refrigerator.

A thick	A thick
cascade	cascade
A thick cascade	A thick cascade
of cum	of cum
of cum	of cum
flowed	flowed
from his cock	from his cock
tip	tip
flowed from his cock tip,	flowed from his cock tip,
billowing	billowing
billowing	billowing
over his penile	over his penile
shaft	shaft
over his penile shaft,	over his penile shaft,
over his balls	over his balls
and hand	and hand
over his balls and hand.	over his balls and hand.
the changes	the changes
the changes	the changes
to the human	to the human
body	body
to the human body	to the human body
brought	brought
about	about
brought about	brought about
by weightlessness	by weightlessness
by weightlessness	by weightlessness
These phenomena	These phenomena
involve	involve
These phenomena involve	These phenomena involve
the conversion	the conversion
of matter	of matter
the conversion of matter	the conversion of matter
into energy	into energy
into energy,	into energy,
and vice versa	and vice versa
and vice versa,	and vice versa,

	the card	the card
	showing	showing
	a tower	a tower
the card showing a tower	the card showing a tower	the card showing a tower
being struck	being struck	being struck
by lightning	by lightning	by lightning
being struck by lightning	being struck by lightning	being struck by lightning
and two	and two	and two
men	men	men
and two men	and two men	and two men
running	running	running
from it	from it	from it
running from it.	running from it.	running from it.

	Suffering	Suffering
	Suffering,	Suffering,
	therefore	therefore
	therefore,	therefore,
is the karmic	is the karmic	is the karmic
consequence	consequence	consequence
is the karmic consequence	is the karmic consequence	is the karmic consequence
of one's	of one's	of one's
past	past	past
sins	sins	sins
of one's past sins	of one's past sins	of one's past sins

	Cultivate	Cultivate
	Cultivate	Cultivate
	means	means
	to stir	to stir
	the soil	the soil
means to stir the soil	means to stir the soil	means to stir the soil
around	around	around
growing	growing	growing
plants	plants	plants
around growing plants	around growing plants	around growing plants
to kill	to kill	to kill
weeds	weeds	weeds
to kill weeds.	to kill weeds.	to kill weeds.

The third
blew
The third blew
at 2:02
at 2:02
in a men's
room
in a men's room
in the offices
of Sylvania
Electric
in the offices of Sylvania Electric
in the General
Telephone
Building
in the General Telephone Building

known
as hadrons
known as hadrons,
that interact
with one
another
that interact with one another
in ways
controlled
in ways controlled
by the most
powerful
force
by the most powerful force
in nature
in nature,
the so-called
the so-called
"strong
force
Strong force."

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in nature,
the so-called
the so-called
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Strong force."

	Skip	Skip
	and Jack	and Jack
	Skip and Jack	Skip and Jack
	are now	are now
	in jail	in jail
	are now in jail	are now in jail
	awaiting	awaiting
	trial	trial
	awaiting trial	awaiting trial
	of federal	of federal
	charges	charges
	of federal charges	of federal charges
	of harboring	of harboring
	and concealing	and concealing
of harboring and concealing		of harboring and concealing
a fugitive		a fugitive
a fugitive,		a fugitive,
	they had	they had
	trouble	trouble
	they had trouble	they had trouble
	when they lay	when they lay
	down	down
	when they lay down	when they lay down
	to sleep	to sleep
	to sleep	to sleep
	because	because
	they felt	they felt
	because they felt	because they felt
	that great	that great
	pressures	pressures
	that great pressures	that great pressures
	were pushing	were pushing
	through	through
	them	them
	were pushing through them	were pushing through them
	to their backs	to their backs
	to their backs.	to their backs.

and men
and men
clad
in armor
clad in armor
riding
fiery
Arab
steeds
riding fiery Arab steeds
as white
as silver
as white as silver,
with quivering
red
nostrils
with quivering red nostrils
and flown
manes
reaching
to the ground
and flowing manes
reaching to the ground.

to preclude
future
suffering
to preclude future suffering
by eliminating
those desires
by eliminating those desires
which produce
which produce

Their bonds
Their bonds
are \$30,000
each
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who constructed it	who constructed it
who constructed it	who constructed it
did not	did not
want	want
want	their enemies
their enemies	did not want their enemies
did not want their enemies	to trail
to trail	them
them	to trail them,
to trail them,	they built
they built	no roads
no roads	they built no roads
they built no roads	and they constructed
and they constructed	their houses
their houses	and they constructed their houses
and they constructed their houses	with high
with high	gables
gables	with high gables,
with high gables,	covered
covered	with grass
with grass	covered with grass,
covered with grass,	that would blend
that would blend	into the landscape
into the landscape	that would blend into the landscape.
that would blend into the landscape.	
	"I could
"I could	look
look	"I could look
"I could look	upon
upon	my total
my total	ruin
ruin	upon my total ruin
upon my total ruin	with as detached
with as detached	an unconcern
an unconcern	with as detached an unconcern
with as detached an unconcern	as I look
as I look	upon
upon	theirs
theirs	as I look upon theirs."
as I look upon theirs."	

	"Anti-personnel"	"Anti-personnel"
	weapons	weapons
"Anti-personnel"	weapons	"Anti-personnel" weapons
	range	range
	from bombs	from bombs
	range from bombs	range from bombs
	which spin	which spin
	thousands	thousands
	of killing	of killing
	and maiming	and maiming
	pellets	pellets
	which spin thousands	which spin thousands
	of killing and maiming pellets	of killing and maiming pellets
	over an area	over an area
	ten	ten
	football	football
	fields	fields
	long	long
	over an area	over an area
	ten football fields long,	ten football fields long,
	to projectiles	to projectiles
	to projectiles	to projectiles
	that "shred"	that "shred"
	people	people
	that "shred" people	that "shred" people
	and "nail"	and "nail"
	them	them
	to trees	to trees
	and "nail" them to trees.	and "nail" them to trees.
	The conch	The conch
	shell	shell
	The conch shell	The conch shell
	is blown	is blown
	to announce	to announce
	is blown to announce	is blown to announce
	the auspicious	the auspicious
	occasion	occasion
	the auspicious occasion.	the auspicious occasion.

As the strokes	As the strokes
became	became
longer	longer
As the strokes became longer,	As the strokes became longer,
Tom heard	Tom heard
a sigh	a sigh
of appreciation	of appreciation
Tom heard a sigh of appreciation	Tom heard a sigh of appreciation
from the audience	from the audience
from the audience	from the audience
as they watched	as they watched
nine	nine
as they watched nine,	as they watched nine,
eleven	eleven
eleven,	eleven,
and even thirteen	and even thirteen
inches	inches
and even thirteen inches	and even thirteen inches
of black	of black
cock	cock
of black cock	of black cock
come out	come out
of his white	of his white
asshole	asshole
come out of his white asshole	come out of his white asshole
and then plunge	and then plunge
all the way	all the way
In	In
and then plunge all the way in	and then plunge all the way in
out	out
of sight	of sight
out of sight.	out of sight.
Arjuna	Arjuna
Arjuna	Arjuna
sets out	sets out
toward	toward
the Himalayas	the Himalayas
sets out toward the Himalayas	sets out toward the Himalayas

in order
to win
in order to win
the grace
of the God
Shiva
the grace of the God Shiva.

It was engineered
by 25
Weathermen
It was engineered by 25 Weathermen
who came
from all over
the country
who came from all over the country
and spent
six weeks
and spent six weeks
planning for
planning for
"all
contingencies
all contingencies."

He hopes
to procure
He hopes to procure
from Him
the divine
arrow
the divine arrow
to help him
and his brothers
to help him and his brothers
in their coming
war
in their coming war

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If it
falls
If it falls
rightside
up
rightside up,
it indicates
it indicates
an overthrow
of social
order
an overthrow of social order,
or an unforeseen
catastrophe
or an unforeseen catastrophe.

another
man
another man
circles
about them
circles about them,
aiming
an 8-mm
movie
camera
aiming an 8-mm movie camera
and occasionally
murmuring
directions
and occasionally murmuring
directions.

holding
a popper
holding a popper
to Chuck's
contorting
face
to Chuck's contorting face.

It it
falls
If it falls
upside
down
upside down,
it indicates
it indicates
imprisonment
or bondage
imprisonment or bondage.

Last
Sept. 13
Last Sept. 13
Leary
Leary
scaled
a 12-foot
chain
fence
scaled a 12-foot chain fence.

seemed
stunned
by the bright
orange
carpets
by the bright orange carpets,
royal
blue
upholstered
chairs
royal blue upholstered chairs
and the gleaming
escalators
and the gleaming escalators.

came
the sound
came the sound,
at first
low
at first low,
then
rising
in volume
then rising in volume
until
it resounded
until it resounded
from the beamed
ceiling
from the beamed ceiling
like a foghorn
like a foghorn:
"oooOOOMMMMMMM
oooOOOMMMMMMM!"

I could
feel
I could feel
the hot
sperm
the hot sperm
running
out
running out
in spurts
in spurts.

If there
seems
If there seems
to be no
particular
direction
to be no particular direction
in which you should
travel
in which you should travel
and you can see
hills
and you can see hills,
head
toward them
head toward them,
for the likeliest
place
for the likeliest place
to locate
water
to locate water
will be
at their base
will be at their base.

its drug
its drug
was a purer
form
was a purer form
of the god's
own
spermatozoa
of the god's own
spermatozoa

At the conclusion
At the conclusion,
a pipe
is taken
to the singers
and drummers
a pipe is taken
to the singers and drummers
to indicate
their work
is finished
to indicate their work is finished.

These rays
are then
These rays are then
almost
instantaneously
transformed
almost instantaneously transformed
back
into new
particles
back into new particles.

he has kissed
the sky
he had kissed the sky
like a falcon
like a falcon;
he has leapt
skyward
he has leapt skyward
like a grasshopper
like a grasshopper."

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Let	Let
the wise	the wise
man	man
Let the wise man	Let the wise man
make	make
for himself	for himself
make for himself	make for himself
an island	an island
an island	an island
which no flood	which no flood
overwhelms	overwhelms
which no flood overwhelms	which no flood overwhelms
I am	I am
armed	armed
I am armed	I am armed
and should	and should
be considered	be considered
and should be considered	and should be considered
dangerous	dangerous
dangerous	dangerous
to anyone	to anyone
who threatens	who threatens
my life	my life
to anyone who threatens	to anyone who threatens
my life	my life
or my freedom	or my freedom
or my freedom.	or my freedom.

CUM was first performed by Michael Brody and me at The 98 Greene Street Loft on March 29, 1971. We stood facing each other inside a chalk circle in the center of the loft space with AKG microphones and four speakers at the corners. Michael had the left column of the poem and I had the right. We chanted and sang and screamed the words in mantric rhythms to each other. In another chalk circle six musicians played: Angus MacLise on tabla, Hette on tamboura, Scott Markham on drums, Matthew on double bass recorder, Michael McClanathan and another cat on flute. The audience sat on foam rubber cushions around us. We were like with red fresnels, the musicians with purple and the audience with blue and green. There was a party afterwards with red wine and Holly Solomon's sponge cake. Michael, the musicians and I did some Sunshine for the performance.

JG

**white
cum
white cum
dripping
dripping
down
her legs
down her legs**