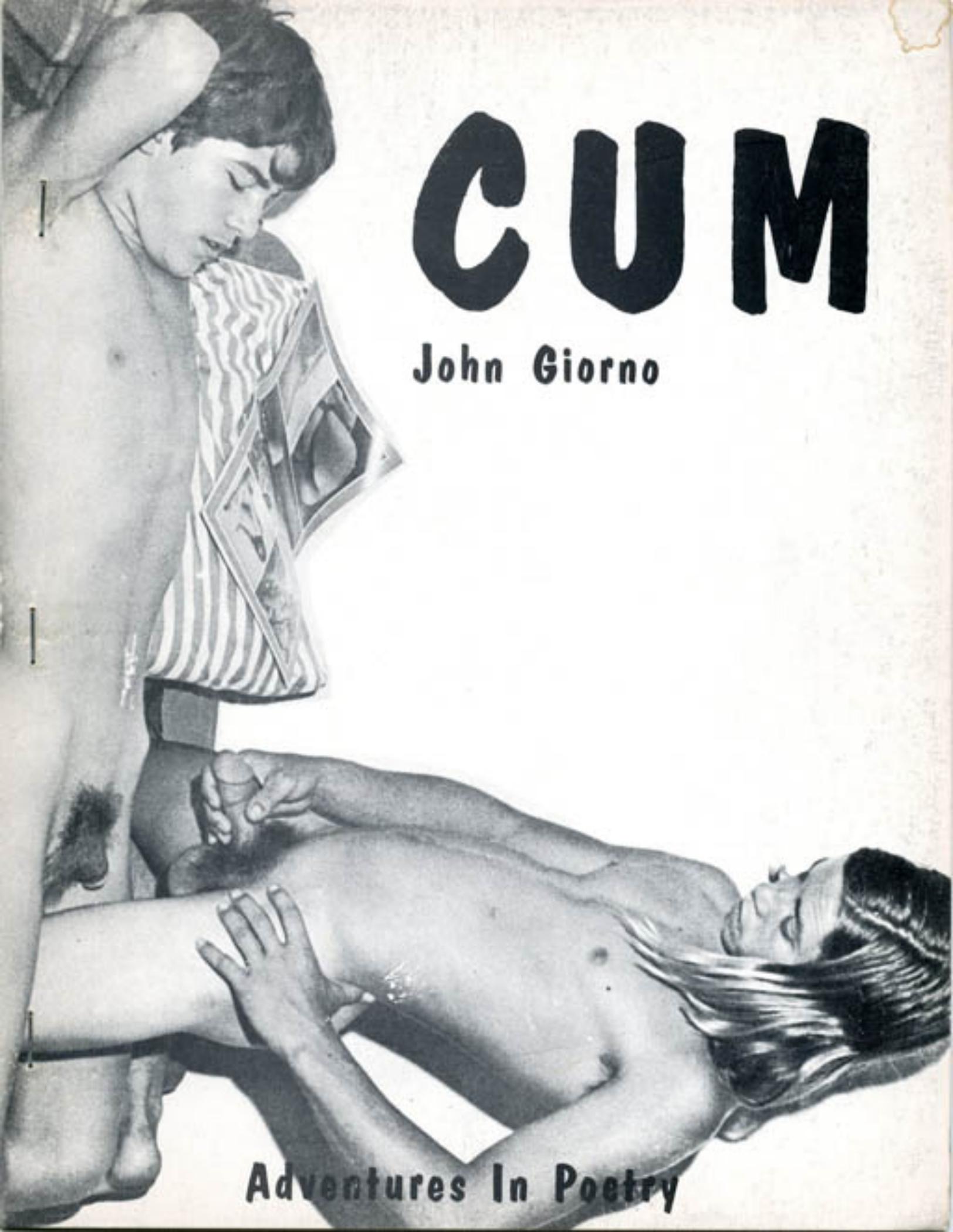


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I looked
I looked
in the rear
view
mirror
in the rear view mirror
and saw
that the pig
and saw that the pig
had a service
revolver
had a service revolver
against
the brother's
forehead
against the brother's forehead.

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

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

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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.

The bomb
blew
The bomb blew out
walls
walls,
tore
a hole
tore a hole
in the ceiling
in the ceiling,
demolished
lavatories

In his lifetime
In his lifetime,
a man
produces
a man produces
billions
of sperm
cells
billions of sperm cells
like the one
shown
above
like the one shown above,
magnified
10,000
times

as it spurted
out
as it spurted out
in great
thick
in great thick gobs
from the enormous
head
from the enormous head

demolished lavatories,
scattered
concrete
and cinderblock
scattered concrete and cinderblock
into the stairway
into the stairway
and bent
steel
beams
and bent steel beams
encased
in structural
concrete
encased in structural concrete.

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

Go
into a two-
week
Go into a two-week
downspin
of depression
downspin of depression
that we can't
shake
that we can't shake

after
National
Guard
after National Guard
opened
fire
opened fire

A bulging
vein
A bulging vein
and needle
scars
and needle scars
"tracks
tracks"

Thus
there develops
Thus there develops
an eternal
tie
an eternal tie
between
the two
between the two.

are the most beautiful
brave,
wise
people
wise people...
young
gods
young gods
and godliness
and godliness.

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.

Weathermen
Weathermen
are the most
beautiful
brave

He must dance
constantly
He must dance constantly
facing
the sun
facing the sun,
and he must move
on the ground
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

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.

"I smell
the Nile
mud
I smell
the Nile mud
and the frogs

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,
touch 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
to flow
began to flow
in great
throbs
in great throbs

Some
young
users
Some young users
shoot
shoot
between
their toes
between their toes
or under
their tongues
or under their tongues

Warm
rays
Warm rays
from the sun
disk
from the sun disk
descend
on the monarch
descend on the monarch.

I'm going
I'm going
to ram it
up

"I'm going
to go
I'm going to go
down
there
down there
with my fur
hat
with my fur hat
and my feathers
and my feathers
and see
all those
kids
and see all those kids
who are still
working
in gas
stations
who are still working
in gas stations
and driving
dry
cleaning
trucks
and driving
dry cleaning trucks
while I'm
making
while I'm making
\$50,000
a night
\$50,000 a night.

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

stood
around
his couch
stood around his couch,
when
two
great
white swans

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

From
the government
position
From the government position
on the hilltop
in southern
Laos
on the hilltop
in southern Laos,
we could see
the Communist
lines
we could see
the Communist lines

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

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
goes
to the bank
The rest
goes to the bank."

and sold on the streets
of Los Angeles,
it would bring
nearly
it would bring nearly
\$900 million
\$900 million.

But the inmates
hurled
But the inmates hurled
the unexploded
canisters
the unexploded canisters
back
to the street
back to the street.

the leather

boy
the leather boy
clicked
open
a small
tube
clicked open a small tube
and shoved
the etherlike
smell
the etherlike smell
into Chuck's
nostril
into Chuck's nostril.

Refined
as heroin
Refined as heroin
and sold
on the streets
of Los Angeles

Mattresses
Mattresses,
chairs
and other
articles
chairs
and other articles
were set
fire
were set fire
and sent
showering
down
and sent showering down
to the crowded
streets
to the crowded streets.

I'll stick
it
deep
inside
I'll stick it
deep inside,
I'll stick it
deep inside
I'll stick it deep inside,
Cause
I'm loose
Cause I'm loose...

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

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

ran alongside the building,
 ducking
 the falling
 debris
 ducking the falling debris
 and stepping
 over
 and stepping over
 still-smouldering
 mattresses
 still-smouldering mattresses.

self-control
 through orgasmic self-control.

ripping
 ripping
 the cock
 and balls
 the cock and balls
 from the dead
 man's
 body
 from the dead man's body.

Helmeted
 policemen
 Helmeted policemen,
 carrying
 shotguns
 carrying shotguns
 and tear
 gas
 and tear gas,
 ran
 alongside
 the building

the performance
 of ritual
 the performance of ritual
 and group
 intercourse
 and group intercourse
 to attain
 release
 to attain release
 through
 orgasmic

"The people
 The people
 are tired
 of being treated
 are tired of being treated
 like animals
 in hell
 like animals in hell

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

as kings have acknowledged

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."

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Most important Most important Amanita muscaria Amanita muscaria, a crimson-spotted mushroom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Among dragons, lotus flowers lotus flowers, brocades brocades, peacock feathers peacock feathers, the flicker of butter burning the flicker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and a relative of the milder and a relative on the milder Psilocybe mexicana Psilocybe mexicana,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and patterns for offering for offering, to find oneself face</p>	<p>and there and there, in its innermost depths in its innermost depths, on a golden altar on a golden altar, among dragons</p> <p>a crimson-spotted mushroom, a powerful hallucinogen a powerful hallucinogen still used by Seriban tribesmen still used by Serbian tribesmen, of butter burning in tiny cups in tiny cups, and butter worked into elaborate shapes and patterns and butter worked into elaborate shapes</p> <p>to face with to find oneself face to face with</p>
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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
He knows
that the people
are home
that the people are home
watching
TV
watching TV.

A mother
hog
A mother hog
usually
gives
birth
usually gives birth
to a litter
to a litter
of 8 to 10
pigs
at a time
of 8 to 10 pigs at a time.

The inmates
called
the guards
The inmates called
the guards,
who found
Romano
who found Romano
lying
on the floor
of his cell
lying on the floor
of his cell
with his throat
cut
with his throat cut.

Do not
engage in
Do not engage in
"friendly"
conversations
friendly "conversations"
with officers
with officers
on the way to
or at
the station
on the way to
or at the station.

The number
of cars
The number of cars,
trucks
and buses
trucks and buses
registered
in this country
registered in this country
is increasing
twice
as fast
is increasing twice as fast
as the human
population
as the human population

strewn
with a profusion
of pink
strewn with a profusion of pink,
green
and yellow
poppies
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
guerilla
warfare
urban guerrilla warfare
in the United
States
in the United States

And he just
cried
And he just cried
and cried
and cried
and cried
and cried.

where
its lord
where its lord
lay
in the great
hall
lay in the great hall
on his downy
cushions
on his downy cushions
covered
with a leopard
skin
covered with a leopard skin.

I love
you
I love you
and when
I think
this
and when I think this
I flip
I flip
I flip

After
being beaten
unconscious
After being beaten unconscious
(see
photos
left and above
see photos left and above)
prisoner
is dragged
away
prisoner is dragged away
by guards
by guards

Moments
after
Moments after
his last
hit
of the day
his last hit of the day
Tom's
eyes
are dilated
Tom's eyes are dilated,
bright
and brimming
bright and brimming.

I love
you
I love you
and when
I think
this
and when I think this
I flip
I flip

and in its phallic form
and in its phallic form
the ancients saw
the ancients saw
a replica
a replica
of there fertility
god
of the fertility god
himself
himself.

The colors of such drawings
The colors of such drawings
were supposed to change
and induce after-images
and induce after-images
upon extended scrutiny
upon extended scrutiny
and meditation
and meditation

The kitchen has a modern stove
The kitchen has a modern stove
and an electric refrigerator
and an electric refrigerator.

A thick
cascade
A thick cascade
of cum
of cum
flowed
from his cock
tip
flowed from his cock tip,
billowing
billowing
over his penile
shaft
over his penile shaft,
over his balls
and hand
over his balls and hand.

the changes
the changes
to the human
body
to the human body
brought
about
brought about
by weightlessness
by weightlessness

These phenomena
involve
These phenomena involve
the conversion
of matter
the conversion of matter
into energy,
into energy,
and vice versa
and vice versa,

A thick
cascade
A thick cascade
of cum
of cum
flowed
from his cock
tip
flowed from his cock tip,
billowing
billowing
over his penile
shaft
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of matter
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into energy,
into energy,
and vice versa
and vice versa,

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

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

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

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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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blew
The third blew
at 2:02
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in a men's
room
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Electric
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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."

	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
are \$30,000 each.

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and men
clad
in armor
clad in armor
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those desires
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which produce
which produce

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each
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who constructed it
who constructed it
did not
want
their enemies
did not want their enemies
to trail
them
to trail them,
they built
no roads
they built no roads
and they constructed
their houses
and they constructed their houses
with high
gables
with high gables,
covered
with grass
covered with grass,
that would blend
into the landscape
that would blend into the landscape.

“I could
look
“I could look
upon
my total
ruin
upon my total ruin
with as detached
an unconcern
with as detached an unconcern
as I look
upon
theirs
as I look upon theirs.”

“Anti-personnel”
weapons
“Anti-personnel” weapons
range
range
from bombs
range from bombs
which spin
thousands
of killing
and maiming
pellets
which spin thousands
of killing and maiming pellets
over an area
ten
ten
football
fields
long
over an area
ten football fields long,
to projectiles
to projectiles
that “shred”
people
that “shred” people
and “nail”
them
to trees
and “nail” them to trees.

The conch
shell
The conch shell
is blown
to announce
is blown to announce
the auspicious
occasion
the auspicious occasion.

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weapons
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is blown
to announce
is blown to announce
the auspicious
occasion
the auspicious occasion.

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