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I write songs, sing, and play the keys. I'm in it for the long haul.

## A Mother's Prayer

From out of the mist there came a gray shadow birthed from a stray, wayward seed A wild child stallion, the finest of his breed. Not harnessed or saddled no whips going crack Onward he travels with the wind to his back Spaced, metronomic his four hooves keep the beat Heart's a thump pumpin a high kick to his feet In his veins he holds legends ancient as the ferns, fauna sagebrush and trees. as well as all of which crawls swims, slithers or stings. With no master to break beat, shred or defeat him. The Great Horse Spirit guiding him here and about. All five senses aroused his charge on the ready carefully mapping his legacy out. He rallies to rise upon Saturday's sin. unmatched beauty without horse power within. He grazes where he wants Tastes love when he tires. His song's on the gentle breeze His trail's on fire. A wild child stallion majestic and free. If he's to be earmarked to be broken or shackled

may his haunches be sure his gait be swift and his soul in the distant future soars high atop the tallest cliff his shell at rest peacefully frozen and stiff.

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# A Pill Where A Pain Can't Reach

There seems to be a pill for everything. With such a wide assortment of remedies to cure and control so many ills, why is their so much disease? Can't there be a single pill to swallow some miracle potion, or magic elixir to manage or or cure everything that ails us. There probably is but, it's got to be illegal. As for me, I've collected new medications tinctures, sprays and wonder drugs Like an sunken ship collects barnacles. In fact, I began my medication taking career in my teens taking sulpha drugs and steroids to deal with a crippling affliction where every attack drained me of my energy, weakening my growing body dehydrating and bleeding me to two thirds of my body weight. So, the Specialists would pump me with artificial energy called steroids. According to the gastro intestinal specialists It appeared I was doomed to a hellish, pain filled existence The medical term for this horror was Acute, Chronic Ulcerative 'Colitis By some quirk of fate, I went to see a medical intern stationed at the college clinic where I was taking night classes. I told him about how how poorly I felt in my gut. He said, I'm going to prescribe for you five cortisone enemas to see if your symptoms improve.

One treatment nightly to be 'administered' for five nights after the third night of applying the cortisone my symptoms vanished and I haven't had another attack since. I tell doctors about this and they act baffled then change the subject or insist I'm telling tall tales. I must be on some gastroenterologists wanted dead, or alive list. for (bypassing), pun intended, their colostomy bag treatment after colon surgery. Now, well into my 50's. I continue to collect more medications like a loyal crash test dummy for the medical/pharmacological establishment There is probably a pill to cure me of over-medicating I have more than a dim awareness I'm not the only person saddled with a long grocery list

of apothecary remedies, spurious medications and other questionable potions We all get pounded with ads about the benefits of wearing cumbersome facial snorkel's and masks fitted for those suffering from sleep apnea. I am probably afflicted with sleep apnea. I am told I snore, start and

stop breathing in my sleep making loud nasal noises and sometimes I even pedal as if riding a bicycle when sound asleep. but I am not going to get a prescription for an exercise bicycle placed at the foot of my bed to accommodate my 'Restless Leg Syndrome'. They have a name for most every malady real or imagined. I have decided to lose weight in effort to deal with my high body fat index so as to bypass weight management counseling from my doctor.

I've tried shedding weight without drugs. I swim for exercise along with utilizing portion control for the foods I must now more carefully select to eat. I try not to eat after 9: 00pm It now appears I may have become obsessed with my eating behavior and have developed an eating disorder. My choices are balloon up to over 300 pounds or go to overeaters anonymous meetings to deal with my food related affliction Or, perhaps, I could get a scrip for diet pills. Speaking of pills I have just cracked the surface of my daily pill intake. I take a pill, as needed, for rhinitis. I have been prescribed another one for congestion. and yet a third remedy to alleviate miscellaneous upper respiratory issues I take blood pressure medication cholesterol busting meds a mood stabilizer plus a baby aspirin at bedtime to thin my blood If I stop taking these medications I fear I'll get sick and possibly die not from the maladies they have been prescribed to prevent but from withdrawl symptoms from these medications. I am currently on a study which gives me a secret medication I'm not supposed to know what's in it. They are horse pills. I am taking four each day. I am told they are either a placebo

or they're the actual medicine. At this stage of the game, it's best I don't know which. I also have an inhaler, for asthma and in case of chest pain nitroglycerin tablets as well. All given in an effort to do no harm and prolong my life. Although it's questionable as to what extent if any, they enhance the quality of it This is the story line I must believe to sleep at night. But, in the event I can't sleep at night you nailed it, there is a sedating tranquilizer in convenient capsule form available to me which puts my lights out. I finally kicked that one. I just began buying bottled water since our drinking water lately has acquired a plastic, caustic, after taste to it. I wonder when the pill will come out to transform bitterly, sour, tainted water into pure, sweet, water Wait, I'm fairly certain they have a pill for that too.

# A True Love Legendary

Raised amongst wolves A lamb who could lead Pecked ever so gently by birds on land and by Sea When you were conceived God's Angel's willed please

They said let this child be a legend

Go on run through the nights run through the hazy daze Scuttle sometimes as rats through this maze never bested How you've been tested contested arrested

not bested I've got eyes I can see. Take a bow to your legend an impossible dynasty Take a bow to your legend

an unstoppable destiny Take a bow to your legend an unbreakable legacy take a bow to your legend

an unshakeable testimony whatever you are now whoever you might be take a bow to your legend Have another bow

it's free To love's legend love's legend

Love's delicacy With the heart of the bear eye of a hawk nose of the hound

Be awake and on the ready if ever a sound Like a jokester a beggar

a soldier a brand who could lead you go for the kill blend in with the trees like a legend love's legend love's majesty

On legs large and strong of the mightiest steed

Beneath sails firm and true aloft swirling jet stream

Whatever you are now wherever you might be

take a bow to your legend take another bow on me To your legend love's legend

a love legendary. But I don't think you could ever be

my magical mystery It's why I pity you for sure, for sure

but one time won't you pity me

It's a pitiful epitome of what our dynasty our destiny our legacy our delicacy could be With a yellow hot core burning ever more and more to be livin and dyin free like a legend love's legend A true love legendary

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## A Wounded Branch

A wounded branch on a leafless tree Hangs down near my balcony Branch somehow keeps keepin on through torrential rains straight line winds and pullin storms Still, it holds on by the thinnest thread branch finger blackened almost dead. But near the break there's a patch of green you must look hard before it's seen.

A wounded branch on a leafless tree

is a little like you a little like me.

I wonder why there has to be So much wind and hail to scream and shout at that broken branch on a leafless tree. with the faintest patch of greenery.

Song adaptation from the original Poem by Melissa Ann Howells 'Wounded Branch'

## Addie's Rules

If Addie has a bad day a mad day Get out your runnin shoes When Addie has a clad day, one sad day Get in the house, bolt the doors call in sick with the flu When Addie has a had day a schwag day She's sailin along past level one or two When Addie had a bad day a mad day Sugar daddy in his whites bled red to code black then blue When Addie had a bad day a sad day Your town and the one next door cried boo hoo hoo When Addie, has a mad day a rad day push out the way "cause here comes Addie painted with the blood of a fool

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## Alot Like You

I got no money hell's my home. nobody cares and I'm on my own I'm alot like you Heaven knows I'm a lot like you And, I got nobody no set plans left waitin on no promised lands I'm a lot like you, hell knows I'm a lot like you I keep my eyes wide open so I won't get fooled I'm listenin up Gettin over myself cause, I know, you know, we know I'm alot like you and thank you for the favor might like the flavor something to savor with your party favors and your player makers

in your player makers in your elevators Now that I'm able to sit at your table and stomach your fable I'm screamin thank you thank you thank you for the favor yeah Everybody wants iced pink Champagne dirty dance in your warm spring rains

and we're screamin thank you thank you thank you for the favor still, I got no money no way home. nobody cares and I'm all alone I'm a lot like you a lot like you And I got nobody no set plans left waitinon no promised lands I'm alot like you. I'm alot like you. keep your eyes wide open so you won't get fooled. Better listen up 'n' get over yourself 'cause, you know, we know everybody know I'm a lot like you and thank you I'm alot like you and thank you I'm a lie, I'm alive, You're a live lie too That must be how I got hooked up and in with a lie with a dirty little lie like you babe Everybody wants a piece of my Rock. A sliver of my clock a bite off my lollipop The cream of my crop The finest of my stock with a cherry on top to be the fastest gun on my block where's my piece where's your piece where's her piece

where's your tiny, bloody sweaty, tasty, little piece of the rock.

And I got no money hell's my home

nobody cares and I'm on my own....

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#### Anarchy Street Musician

I play and sing from the A to the G that's where you'll find me your anarchy street musician With your French toast, or your mid-day tea that's where I'll be riffing in the key of D your anarchy street musician I'm on the move up in your groove with a song or two or three For fair trade or a token fee If you're short on cash cop a squat by me Where I'll sing for you a home style melody Mixing the bittersweet with the melancholy Manifesting nostalgic memories That's the scene where you'll find me jamming in the delicate key of an archy

Take that bogie, when it comes If the spirit moves you bring out your kettle drum if you decide to play over me Take your best shot from the tee Ring my bell, put me to the test Let me warn you ahead of time there's little doubt I'm amongst the best I'm your leftist leaning

radical, bleeding heart fanatical Anarchy street musician my pleasure is to serenade so live and love a little drink the koolaid

ju ju juicestar magic goin on between the sheets when everyone's screamin please, please me You know where I'll be riffin in some most delicious key of anarchy In my season of summer through fall Where I'll conjure up another street song curtain call shredding shady limericks to the bees romancing the birdies soaring in the breeze Whether you're uptown or down Make way for a dark symphony of sound As your one and only unholy rolling anarchy street musician

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# Ask

Ask your shrink about your diagnosis Ask your sponsor about your drug of choice Ask the police detectives about their case Ask the district attorney about their case Ask the newsroom for their take on the case Ask the judge why they threw out the case Ask your ex-lover how you caught a case Ask your doctor just in case Ask your parents what were they thinking when Judeo Christening you Jude, Jordan, Christy Holly, Noah, or Adam Ask your pharmacist why not take more than two at bedtime Ask the FBI to release you file Ask the (N)ational (S)ecurity (A)gency to stop listening in

Ask your college about your transcripts Ask your medical clinic why their aren't better magazines in their waiting room Ask the coroner what the official cause of death was Ask your government about the status of your student loans. Ask any stranger sitting across from you on a city bus 'what happened to their car' Ask your ex's advocate about your delinquent child support payment Ask Social Security why you don't feel at all socially secure Ask your creditors about your credit history Ask your employer about your urine sample Ask why death-row inmates can't smoke cigarettes Ask your life insurance company when you are statistically most likely to die Ask your church why only one spouse per customer Ask your State Representatives

why they don't legalize everything

Ask again in the morning when it's good for the asking

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## B As In Bad

Gonna come at you like some long lost cousin or lover Bring out the best and the worst in you one way or another Long before God gave Moses his rod and his staff ooohhhhh about a million years ago and a half He was bad B as in bad He Gonna work you gonna do you screw then run right through you like you never been had never been had He not cuttin you no slack B as in Bad watchin nobody's back B As In Bad What chu gonna do when the deck is stacked Has all the cards you lack **Bloody Blues** got holes in your shoes your two pair to his full house you lose have you heard the news He's bang bang B as in bad Took you for about a yard his calling card took you directly to your credit card in the hood there's No escape he stole Superman's cape like you knew he would

Cause he's bad

very bad Bang bang bee beep to you, Mister

He'll tell you 'row your own boat' in the dead of winters chill Walk out the door with your best winter coat stick you with the bill You be screamin cryin shiverin sayin hey 'man, that ain't fair' he say 'take it easy baby got a deal for you on your long gone underwear' cause, he's bad. Mr. B as in B as in Bad.

Just another sucker on his hook. Too bad you haven't read his full length book? Fillet of fish tastes pretty great, too late. Very gracious of you to swallow his bait.

Not a bird, don't peck at crumbs. Gonna take what he can get from you long before it comes

unkept, unclean like some hibernating grizzly in a cave rather be living life in mortal sin than dyin as your slave Cause, he's bad. learned from the best, passed all his tests now aren't you bad too What will the rest of us do when you're bad self runs us clear through you're quite bad, she's real bad, Everybody is bad Hats off three cheers hot damned for our new man with the knack full frontal attack momma was whack not cuttin you no slack Has your goodies behind his back Bang Bang Bee Beep to you too Mr. B As In Bad

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#### **Baystreet Blues**

Lord, I'm callin in my markers Hope I have one favor left or two, I dreamed I just keep fallin I dream a creep keeps following me I startle awake at night holding the flailing tail of a Mobyous whale of blue

I dream I'm your race car driver I dream I'm your sole survivor just missing the wall goin one hundred eighty-two

Rescue me fore I'm crestfallen Can't you hear my nature callin without you

I've got nothing but these small town

Bay Street Blues Hold me tight in your midnight shadow Kiss me hot under neon rainbows

Is this a vivid dream awakened a delicious strain of flu tell me true Since I can't breathe under water nor find a kiss that makes me hotter When I fall asleep, dream me a trail of bread crumbs leading

to you Now I'm callin in my markers. If I have a favor left or two.

To be there to share your lightning and this thunderous Bay Street dream of you I dream I can breathe in water I dream of a love that's hotter In your race car Just missing the wall goin one hundred eighty-two I am haunted and crestfallen Can't you hear my nature callin I'm goin down for the count to the bottom of the Ocean, deep wide and blue I dream I'm a soul survivo

I dream of an ocean liner holding tight to the tail of your mobyous whale of blue I dream of running wild in your fragrant warm spring waters

dreaming kisses hotter than my cigarette burnin cool compared to you Fire up my pistons So my boat arm won't be listin' If not for your soul kissin' I'd be just one more shmuck stuck in the muck of these small town Bay Street Blues

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## Before You Walk You'll Have To Crawl

I'm done making beer runs for you I have to make a stand you have 100 roads ahead of you but none of them have plans You camp amongst the bulrushes in the place where we were born Once you were it's favored one Now you are it's thorn

Old friends have grown weak and weary of your cries of anguish and despair. When you walk by them slummin no one cares anymore enough about you to be there. Here your problems are your problems Until you're pushed on to some new where. A man amongst the millions

perhaps the lonesomest dove of all

Why it won't be me to make your next beer run sometimes Before you walk my friend you have to learn to crawl From the 53rd Street Subway where you fall out to rest your head to the Statten Island Ferry you've really made your bed. You've got a hundred trails ahead of you Most of them dead ends Erased now is your memory as the great hope of our town here where we were born you were once it's golden child now you are it's thorn

On a soggy piece of cardboard a 211 in your shaky hand a man amongst the millions the lonesomest dove of all Still, ask another to make a beer run for you before you walk you'll have to crawl. You presume I should feel pity as you hob nob through traffic like some drunken clown. Wearing your impediments like a royal crown. Then off you go, carefree to mingle at Grand Central Action is your middle name you took the easy road who else is there but you to blame A man amongst the Millions The Lonesomest Dove of all The pride and joy and heartful hope of this town where you were born You once were it's most favored Son. Now, you are it's thorn. sprawled out on a wet slab of cardboard a warm 211 in your cold, bony hand A true friend wouldn'tmake a beer run for you they'd be just lyin to you. Another good reason why I'll make one last beer run for you my tarred and feathered, flustered old friend Before you had to learn to walk you've had to learn to crawl. 'Buddy Bee Anthony'

## Birdsong

One birdsong hungry for their mother One birdsong seeks shelter on the docks One birdsong is warring on their brothers One birdsong is beating all the clocks One birdsong pledged loyalist devotion As one birdsong's out praying to their rocks

One birdsong is causing all commotion One birdsong is preaching to the flock One birdsong so meek hurt and tired One birdsong all fake giddy and aglow One birdsong flip floppin in the mire One birdsong flat nothing left to show One birdsong found their message in a bottle One birdsong casts smoke ring wishes to the sky One birdsong tell you a real good true story You can feel and bout hear it just by looking in their eyes One birdsong high primpin on a wire One birdsong swoops low to make their kill One birdsong tried putting out brush fires One birdsong you know their confidence been stilled One birdsong singin for their supper

One birdsong makes sweet love to the land One birdsong day trippin on a storm cloud To flood cleanse cool new water colors on these sands One birdsong lookin for the ocean One birdsong sails the seven seas One birdsong is poetry in motion One birdsong waits paitiently for me

Free the love, free the love Like a loving love-in lovey dove When are you too free to love One birdsong's reachin for The Ocean One birdsong's out searchin for The Sea One birdsong's caught up in an emotion One birdsong sings sweetly back to me.

music and lyrics by Buddy Bee Anthony & Melissa A. Howells

## **Bon Appetit**

You grab the duct tape and I'll get the handcuffs Take the party bus down off the ramp you bring the chains and I'll snag some shanks Let's meet up at base camp You cried how you cared but you barely seemed there, When I offered to share my kill you blinked

I hear you love feeding pigeon to your Ken Doll, your new religion Your culinary skills slay every man you meet

So, you grab the cookbook I'll bring the meat hook For a crazy nouveau tasty little treat Cannibal sister Cannibal brother One day soon when grandmother's dead we'll stoke up the fire soaring higher and higher suck the baked grey matter out of her head.

You may think you know where things are going But, I know who you've eaten and I know where you go where you tell no one you've been. Cannibal Sister Write your Dear John letter to the boy who thought you had fallen like stardust, from the sky Though untrue it's best he believe you arrived at his doorstep fresh as hot finger pie

We were born to be bad

to annoy and to bother bred from an indigenous man eating father

Cannibal sister Cannibal brother Someday when we're both dead The mob can dance til they tire then build a bonfire play kick ball with both of our heads Dine on our legs and our thighs fried up with chittlins on bread Now, I've just about had it If you're ready for bed. I'll toss your salad if you baste my sweetbread I do have one final request For our dinner next week Please grill your most irresistible dish of savory and gluttonous flavor filled, succulent mystery light and dark meat

Bon Appetit

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## **Bread Crumb Circus**

You fed greedily from those hampered by the conditions of their recovery Only to find you're restricted by the conditions of your discovery Having arrived in the game like a jeweled pawn

naming yourself Godhead to the board You arose, uncircumcized uncompromised mysterious it's why the idle rich and their chosen

have gathered illuminated by your rare alpine beauty bred from an almost extinct application of wisdom fused thrust With guitar strokes of dissonant disregard Tsunami's of roving junkie followers materialize as fodder for the beasts you created Their bone marrow sucked dry by the masses you jaded Your legions steadily reproduce and multiply Withspaced and repetitive unavailability Thee and Thou expanding the numbers of your minions to past bursting at your gate gathering around your altar like spectators at a Royal execution just the mention of your name vulcanizes the swarm to a frothing, spitting frenzy And they keep coming across ocean river and tide from city to town bus stop to train stop train stop to truck stop Crying, aching, and burning for more and more buckets of you

Mercifully the blade of your curtain finally comes down leaving your flock shredded and shell shocked Cadaver blue fleets of your love-struck conscripts carve away layer upon layer of flesh from the dead and rotting in cultish tribute As one peyote button chewing **Elder Warrior** begins his ghost dance praying to his holy spirit so that he might acquire one backstage pass to your next bread crumb circus

so as to get close enough

to end you

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## **Bulee Dat**

I'm a mess when I'm ornery I'm plum crazy dangerous. Don't fool with my He when I'm brewin. Best not key scratch my Jew Canoe.

I'm not quite dark enough to be black,

I'm too cash poor to be a Jew. One original sin I'm bad for your health if you decide to stop in Not much can be told from the color of your skin Is that the best you can do out of the shue Jew broad Is that as hard as you can shtick, white chick. This couldn't be your 'A' game you unfurl, black girl There's flat nothin goin down in this ole town

Nothin's goin down except the Sun but if something's goin down

get ready to run for the Moon, Stars and Sun So, get out of the glue Jew Broad. be about to click, with your shtick, white chick. It's high time to unfurl your 'A' game to tilt my world black girl....

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## **Butterfly Collector**

Tool kit, socket wrench, needle nosed pliers. An ettui, a coach purse, P.F. Flyers. A measuring tape rolled out at arms length any other tool or rigging which you might invent A Ms. with a vantage point heaven sent. all that's borrowed, blue, leased or lent. A Vera scarf, cultured pearls and Ray Ban's for good measure. A huntress stalking musty, dust, filled bins for hidden treasure. Bandita, you pluck lost riches from thrift store shelves Orphaned jewels left behind by other misbegotten elves. Your favorite designers when asked, you said, 'weren't Versace or Chanel. Instead, I'm lured in by color and pattern with a mix of fine detail' Your preferences were invested in all manner of vintage attire. Careful not to mention the specious terms trendy or 'designer' When lesser fashion mayens rolled their eyes or tipped their cap Dismissing you with a Ma'am I've heard about enough of that. You knew they dared not hire you fearing they could never wear your hat.

'Honest quality too often sits dustbin lonesome on the shelves whereas makeshift merchandise flying off the rack pretty much smells.

Speaking your truth with praire plain talk Your phrases are my mountain view your stories, my rivers and streams You've build my log cabin home with your words I've traveled new places under cover of you. Your radar finds my frequency. Honing in closer taking aim for a surgical strike.
your warmth lures me in until I've been discovered, netted, catalogued then pinned in place Remind me once again of my provenance what a rare one of a kind find I am in your butterfly collection.

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# **Chill Willie**

If I could live life as Chill Willie The Pill I wonder How many women I'd know, who I lost and loved before much ganja would be smoked I'd shoot up about a ki. I'd make my hay all sunshiny day. Play folk guitar for a userous fee. If for once I could be Chill Willie The Pill If you found the hard cash to buy a ticket to see me There'd be an all points bulletin going off in your head with a four alarm fire in your Murphy Bed If I were as chill as Willie The Pill I'd be alot further ahead

to live the life of Willie loving and leaving more luscious women than most men could even conceive My songs would crackle and sparkle like fire I would juggle my schedule be a real good liar For all the girls I loved before I'd light up the good stuff do shotguns on heated marble floors if I could be you, Willie and you could be me. I'd smoke the wackiest Tobacey folks ever did see Snort lines of coke polish off a generous ki what a party it would be. If I were Chill Willie, you could sit on my knee We'd make hay throughout

the whole entire sunshiny day I'd play my guitar for a crippling fee. Then trade in my pay to get more than my fill seizing every new day like Chill Willie The Pill

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## Courtesy

A double shot of courtesy gives me the shakes Too much courtesy All hell breaks. Courtesy hurls Courtesy slays me Scares the girls Courtesy strains My soup du jour Bloody bait slain On a fishin lure. Courtesy impales me On a bed of thorns I've watched your back Now even the score. Courtesy heals me When I bleed Courtesy fails me Then I grieve.

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## Crackhead Hooker

I don't know why she make me feel so good Hurt me real fine with them sheep dipped cigarettes Boone's Farm bottles of wine Try to quit her yes I do

but all I get is a nasty junkie's flu

Done me dirty in the hood like I knew she would She got me all shooky shooky shook up She's one fine looky looky lookup. She a real hot cookie cookie cook up She's my I'l crackhead hooker hooky, shooky, cookup She'll take you for her long short ride Burn up all your money run off with your pride Rip all reason from your mind She's a wizard at robbing bad boys blind. The best in the business tried turning her tide Downtown Dope-Man Puppet master Dope Man pulls her strings He holds the skeleton key to pluck her wings base ain't free but, it makes her sing ripe and tight low ridin the pipe paradise lost lust for sale at half the cost Crack Head hooker

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#### Cursed

You hide your heart. All over you roam Is your pilot light off Is anyone home. I've touched your hand, but your hand is ice cold Skin pale like a ghost, and very old. A crooked fingered play book is how you roll. Tell me, have they cursed your soul Messed with by experts left to rot as road kill put their bug in your ear You swallowed their pills Another stick broken a direct shot on goal tell me when did they curse your soul And our blood runs Our streets overcome with ghostly con men. Our best turned to bums co-opt to auto pilot Flip the switch to cruise control. Tell me again how did they curse your soul

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#### **Dancin Bear**

Roamin joyously free, without a care Just like a dancing bear Above fightin weight ok growl, charge swim run Stay for a while what do you say? Come on before you go somewhere, kick it with the Dancin bear Doesn't matter who you are Scoot on over you're a movie star Get down with the dancing bear No need to brush thick tangled hair Forget your long flannel underwear Rent's paid in full for winter's lair Get down with the dancing bear

With hands like pancake griddles Feet are poppin to drums and fiddles Grizzly brown white, orange, black A real hard lovin, live fur haystack Go polar just once, you won't ever come back Be my dancing bear.

Buddy Bee Anthony Songs

## **Dandy Lions**

You weed and plow to take us out We come back and back again We mock your feverish attempts to zone us out Atop your weed-be-gone 'I have arrived' riding mowers We spew at you spores by the scores against your best blockades by lawn police on beauty patrol

We withstand your relentless attacks on our lush island paradise alone in a sea of insipid green grass. Shunned by the permanent-press set who occupy our neighborhood We hunker down in hobo-synthesis moving stealthily and steadily to the next dull square of contested ground As you feverishly yank us out by our roots like a Saturday night sin Then, callously discard our suffocating blossoms into zip tied mulch bags left for curbside pickup. Don't you know we can cop a super fertile thick, rich layer of compost at your city dump

Where my exiled cousins, sisters and brothers hold vigil while growing in numbers and lying in wait expectant of your imminent arrival this and only this keeps us hungry for the kill our leaves razor sharp

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## Dat Stuff

Gimme some ah dat stuff right on. Gimme some ah dat stuff 'fore I'm dead and gone. Give me some ah dat stuff, you bet, cause, enough of dat stuff I never get. Shoot me some of dat stuff today. Front some of dat stuff without delay. Hit me up with dat stuff every hour. 'Cause with dat stuff I got the power. I said, please do you deliver, make me shiver with dat stuff. 'cause my baby and me we nevah get enough. At the end ah da day I got nothin to say, but, give me summah da good stuff gonna help me to remember to forget cha ha ha give me some ah dat free stuff free stuff free to be you free to be me stuff abc one two three stuff he/she stuff oui oui stuff bring a truckload in ah dat stuff come on. I got me a problem, can you relate? Don't need no fancy tickets to participate gonna demonstrate with some ah dat stuff. cuz my baby and me we nevah get enough at the end of the day I got nothin to say but give me some ah dat stuff gonna help me to remember to forget at the end of the day, I begot begot nothin to say but give me some ah dat stuff

gonna help me to remember to forget about the rings on your fingers, and your perfumed white satin gloves, ooh, the memory lingers of your sweet baby love. But, don't forget that stuff. cuz, I nevah get enough, at de end ah dah day. I got nothing to say but give me some ah dat stuff gonna help me to remember to forget who I am what I am, where I am. I got me another problem, can you relate, baby took off with the fish, left me with the stringer and the bait. Now, I want summah dat stuff My man said, it's just a little rock but he like, like, likes it a lot. He Says he don't play by all the rules. compromise is a game for fools He says please, mister, please, give me some ah dat stuff. I said, baby now you know we nevah get enough. At the end of the day I got nothin to say but give me some of dat stuff gonna help me to remember to forget cuz at the end of the day I got nothin to say but give me some ah dat stuff gonna help me to remember to forget cha Bring a truckload, a ship load a trainload in ah dat stuff bring it on.

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### **Dead Men And Tortoises**

Yes, I am Bercu Bercu I am. I am the man they call Bercu, I am. A devilish dervish, germ of a man. I'll break into your castle however I can. Because I'm a Bercu and we Bercu'swe can As one of Stan's babies. when Stanley fell to rabies I live one with his legacy as son of Stan My daddy loved happy and if you weren't happy he'd run far away from you as fast as he can. Couldn't get my man striped feathers from father who was this strange creature who married my mother? My dad, a Bercu, named Stan In the old country they drank, smoked and mixed sour mash under the table busy beavers making hay while they were able In the dead heat of War in the nineteen forties and more Grandma and Grandpa raised up two kids named Stan and Flo With American names here they'd be more safe and secure They are lost to me now in this brazen new world Daddy's long dead and my Auntie's demure and on meds to keep her mind fertile She'll be 200 years old in about a hundred odd years

Grandma must have given birth to a turtle

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## **Dead Trick**

Producer and director I won't be an occupier of space on your tour bus flush with Soviet Inspectors. Don't want none, I'm done

with your dead trick dead trick

A stick of dynamite's in your pants the hometown boys never stood a fair chance indifferent is your touch. Mother's method's twisted way too much For you, I won't work overtime. the nickels you toss were never worth a dime. dead trick

dead trick

When you're giving, you're really taking things away Play that go around with someone else, That game I refuse to play dead trick Your boots I won't lick. and another thing Get off my stick You know who you are and the pipe dreams you're sellin are salty

## Don't Sleep

all the people who don't sleep. all the people who don't sleep and the people who don't are the people who

for the people who don't sleep.

all the people who don't sleep, For all the people who don't sleep. Fore all the people who don't are the people who

#### **Downtown And Dirty**

There are uncertain times when the best you can do is push a pawn Sometimes all you can do in these matters, is spread out and scatter. Chat your new best gal pal up. Get more than a little bit flirty then take her down down deep downtown and dirty They've gathered up most of your marbles they're out to get the rest of them on the take. They're bribing old time preachers to snatch the Baby Jesus from inside the Fat Tuesday Cake. That's prime time to go down down deep downtown and dirty. Didn't you cut it clean when you met your match now you've got an itch only the devil can scratch You're stellar, the brightest star on the chorus line A smash, the new number one hit They tell you sign here on this dotted line This shouldn't hurt one bit And the fortune you've been hidin Is the fortune they've been ridin and the fortune you've been winnin is the fortune they've been cashin and stashin

all high fashioned in. Time to go down down, deep downtown n dirty And the fortune you've been signin, is the fortune they've been hidin. and the fortune you've been winnin

is the fortune they've been cashing out, and cashing back in. So, get down, down, deep downtown and dirty. Gather up all your scatter To push a pawn sometimes is be best in these matters.

then go down, down deep, downtown and dirty. Chat that fresh new gal pal up give her the ole twirly whirly and take her go down down on the cheap, downtown and dirty.

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### **Dream Fund**

I want what I want when I want it, what's wrong with that Must have lost a little shame along the way. Don't ask me my name, that's ok. I want what I want when I want it.

Put down your how to book and the dirty look Did you forget what for? Just give me my 50 dollars lay down the phone, ain't nobody home you want it bad and you need it like mad. So hand over my 500 dollars. I'm playin my blues payin my dues, daddy wish you could be here now to see me livin and dyin free as a grown man. So, where's my seed money of 5,000 dollars. Since your tide has turned the German Pope got burned. it's the end of the world everyone's blue, so make a pipe dream come true and mail me 50,000 dollars. I'm on top of my game due to the stock exchange. Commence a trust fund, please in the country of Belize. wire my severance pay of 500,000 dollars. My new friends, in the know, say pass on dollars and go for Euros then get going going gone

next batter

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## **Drift Away**

Sometimes the best I can do is drift slowly away. To comply lest I die from this hard driven memory store When stories of greatness and courage are reduced to folklore When I'm broken, dog tired, and bled to the core Open up this closed door and drift away to another shore. To the devil with judges their felonies and torts. their false prophet preaching in brick and mortar forts When life's riptides rising and falling between us end at the shore. Let's drift away. before death knocks at our door. Let's drift far and away not slowly die here no more.

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## **Drinkin Song**

I often drink until I hit the floor God bless my favorite all night liquor store Of course I'll sober up when I'm asleep So, I may then start counting schnockered sheep To boldly swig a shot to meet the day "cause without that drink, I cannot run and hide It helps me shoo away them feet of clay When massive wind storms hit and when other worlds collide Do you now know why I need to take a drink I just can't seem to stand nor understand the evening news I hide my dearest friends under my sink Mr. Johnny Walker Red and his kissin cousin

Lady Label Blue

To sober up could only make me sick

So, bartender pour me one more drink best make it quick

#### If I could only rob a liquor store

Then I could drink and drink a little more

If everybody could only drink like us

To drink and drive would never be illegal

Wouldn't have to park our cars

Run and have to catch a bus

We'd fly so high just like a Golden Eagle

I often dream until I hit the floor

God bless my favorite all night dreamin store

So, have a drink and a dream

it's on me

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## **Drug Of Choice**

I love you and sadly I need you quite badly. My one and only drug of choice.

When you can't be found I squeal like a hound tweaking at the dog pound for a fresh bump of my drug of choice The wrong things I've done for you my tastiest treat having smoked, snorted, huffed shot, guzzled, skin popped and ate I can't get enough of mammy's milk from your teat When pain meets pleasure my mission's complete I have found my true love Sent from God up above my most beloved drug of first choice

You're food for my brain when I'm long past

#### insane

The one mother abhors is the one I adore my 92% pure celestial cure Mon tres' magnifique

drug of choice When the decks are all stacked and I've had barely a taste you might find a glass pipe

stuffed deep in my face Bong hits quench my inner core as my spirit fills up with that feeling once more Hooray for my drug of choice You're a stunning, beauty when I'm gone, shot, wasted three sheets from grace Riches lie in your little pills your 'stems' feel like lace Shall we torch some up now or would you rather we wait I am lost in your love drug of choice When like Quasimodo I'm on mad runs ringing church bells cruising at and above speeds supersonic I head out for heaven arriving closer to hell with lotus eating potions hydroponics whether crazy or sane It's spring love when Coca bliss hits the vein It's my fervent belief I find joyful relief in the pain from my delectable madly injectible bad, unrespectable

number one

drug of my choice

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#### Estella Rosa Annabella Margarito

In Dutch deep with luscious trouble She's got me seein more than double Estella Rosa Annabella Margarito

What to do with one fine fella when all pistons scream Estella Estella Rosa Annabella Margarito

All in with every card a cooler engine couldn't rev as hard as Estella Rosa Annabella Margarito Met her at the Winter's Ball spring turned summer into fall Who couldn't be at the beck and call of our Estella Hot to trot through a pauper's mile She'd be flat broke if not for style She can make or break you with her smile that's just Estella She might take you everywhere With elegance to spare Then be off without a care darling Estella She'll take one for the team if her black coffee needs more cream To lift you higher than the dream they call Estella Met her at The Winter's Ball Sprung out Summer turned to Fall Nothing new to her at all There goes Estella All in with every card, a cooler engine couldn't rev as hard for Estella Rosa Annabella Margarito

In dutch deep with luscious trouble since being lifted from the rubble by the natural triple double called Estella... Buddy Bee Anthony

#### Everywhere

Free style walkin shoes make bare feet obsolete. latchkey kids dumpster divin to eat Cop turnin up the heat, on front street lockdown awaits your prickly if you steal that treat It's everywhere it's everywhere

Destitution is an institution The verdict is in favor

of the prosecution

No stay of execution

It's everywhere

It's everywhere

Mom begs with her kids

workin her regular beat

One eye stays open

there'll be no sleep

Her penance to keep.

black balled kids

flyin signs on the street

Wrapped in torn blankets on down n out street

Tonights weather forecast

Nobody cares

Take a look around you

it's everywhere

Super groupers sell us this seasons hair. Their tickets got punched by plastic millionaires dusk settles in on far horizon Comfy condo girl on serta sleeper is risin. Let's all pay thousands to watch the Moon Eclipse of the Sun the poor get poorer while nothin gets done it's everywhere Don't squack protest or even make a sound when Shylock swings by Mayor and his money men need a new pair of shoes So, there's mercury in your water a useless half billion dollar filtration system your new water bell I guarantee it will give you the blues. They are always stickin it to the poor, they want more and more until they have it all. Drop, fall,

Scat Master orders you 'get down on your knees' What's his ain't yours still you're beggin please makes you shout to the devil one aberrant prayer Take a look around you it's everywhere

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#### Family Tree

I got a brother named Thunder another named Lightening my sister's named Wind and I'm Rain Goin' steady with a sweet li'l warm breeze She makin love like a hurricaine When the Gods of The Father and my Mother and me

first ate the fruit off the olive tree The Moon raised the tide bringin on a mudslide Rivers leapt their banks to run free But, don't blame it on

blame it on me, babe you can blame it on the family tree

Ain't no plausible explanation can't explain it away with meteorology When my kinfolk get in a groove The stars and planets start to move between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

But, don't blame it on, blame it on me, babe

you can blame it on the family tree

Now, when trouble starts to brew and your skies aren't quite so blue Dark clouds precipitate Winds that wail are slingin sleet and hail Flood waters at your gate

here come mother better run for cover but don't blame it on blame it on me, babe you can blame it on my family tree I'm not the one I'm a number nine son gonna stand by gonna alibi gonna run with you on the bye and bye even lullaby you, but, don't blame it on blame it on me, babe you can blame it on my family tree.

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### **Finally Got Your Attention**

When you pick up my remains. I'll be scattered to the winds. Won't be much left of me to sweep Just shovel whatever you care to gather of my scatter into the kindling pile by the low redwood fence in the corner of the yard next to the beer can hill dotted with rusty syringes I won't squack if you don't cry. let my tombstone tell a final truth. For any lost travelers who may stop for a moment to read my last declaration in mud crusted stone

'Nobody Really Listened To Me Until After I Was Dead.' To those voyeurs walking by my grave, In the lower margins I want my tombstone to also say 'Thank You For Finally Listening.'

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# Firefly

You don't want to hurt the way I been hurtin' 'deep these daggers in this heart of mine' The day's long past since my big shows final curtain To scrounge a short piece of somethinnow I have to wait in line' I drink to soothe my pain away A Makers Mark to end my day I dream a dream of you so very far away Firefly I wonder what you're dreaming of or do you lie awake at night Firefly you do the town and all the crowds you gather round Is the light on you so blinding Is their peace in your masterpiece your finding If the heavens again could

part The Sea and your spotlight should fall on me would you share a cup of coffee give a second glance at me Cut a better deal between us than two for you and one for me Would you turn your light down low Or burn white hot to dim my glow

This is information

I'd most surely like to know

Can you stay a while longer before you're off to your next show Firefly, what happens now Will you burst with pride
be bold
When all that glitters isn't gold.
Does it matter anyhow
Sing it loud
do us proud
Key of G
6/8 time
drop your rhyme
oh Firefly
how you
shine
shine
shine

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#### Four Letter 'work' Song

Work me up work me out work me flip side down Work me here work me there work me with renown

Work me hot work me greedy work me through and through Work me to the very marrow work me just like I'd work you

Work me proud work me late work me do not hesitate Won't you let me work for you? Work me til I'm black and blue

Work me steady, work me needy work me to a lather Work me til my backbone breaks and the buzzards gather Work me in, work me under work me til I bleed Work me over red hot coals work me like a boss in need

Work me nasty work me silly work me through the clover upside down 'n' in between into a slipknot Sweet Jehovah

I don't care quite how you work me just give me your best piece of work

#### Work me
work me go ahead Work me work me til I'm dead

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#### **Friends Forever**

We'd take soulful walks in the wooded suburban neighborhood where we lived. After making his decision about which direction to explore next we'd stop, wait for traffic to pass through then, together, we'd walk across the street. I trusted he wouldn't take us anywhere dangerous or unfriendly. He loved girls. If there were girls around of any species rest assured, he'd meander over to flirt laying down his special charms. batting his eyelashes and strutting his stuff Whatever it took in his bag of tricks he'd pull it out. He tried more than once to fix me up with a woman One he considered up to his high standards for me. They could be walking alone walking their dogs with their boyfriend or girlfriend he'd see to it, like a loyal wingman, we crossed paths while she, with her friends, or her pet were checking him out he'd slyly peer over at me signaling me to take advantage with some clever banter in the hope of sparking up a fresh love connection Because I trusted him and respected his boundaries I often left him to his own affairs One day while we were outside exploring

I had to run a personal errand His pattern was to hang out at or very near the spot where I had left him But, this time, when I returned he had vanished I put out bulletins to search for my missing friend but no one seemed to know anything about his whereabouts We were about to give him up for lost when, days later, at about midnight I decided to drive around one last time near the spot we had separated It wasn't long before I heard a faint, though familiar sound. As I walked toward it There he was eleven days later exactly where I had left him

He had to go on his vision quest. He was bone thin and appeared to be severely dehydrated With restful sleep, good food love and special care, our good friend managed a full recovery Only he knew what happened or where he went during those lost eleven days Once, when my girlfriend went into the hospital because he bit her having brushed him too hard he skipped out once again this time for four days He ran away at the same time and the exact number of days as my girl was in the hospital. About an hour before I got the call

to pick up my girlfriend to bring her home He came rushing through the front door into our house I can't fully explain the timing of his return other than maybe he felt connected enough about what happened to link his actions to it's consequences. At any rate, we all agreed he had done due penance And all was forgiven. He was more than our friend He was our teacher, our comfort, and our joy We first met him after he was dumped at the Humane Society, abandoned like trash to the discard pile. The day he chose us to be his new family was one of the luckiest day of our lives. He'd been in their foster care for almost six months spending much of his time in their medical unit His gums were bloody and his teeth were rotted in his mouth. He was underweight slept the day away and probably had kidney disease. I asked a volunteer there what was his story. Why was her there so long un-adopted. The young volunteer told me 'he was a real keeper and she'd love to take him home

except she had too many rescues she'd taken into her care already' At first I felt she was feeding me a load of bull We decided to ask him into their meet and greet room to check out one another further. He had a powerful presence, challenging with penetrating green eyes and tufted pantaloons. He moved like a dancer. planning every movement many steps ahead of time. As he was longingly gazing out their picture window I asked my partner 'what do you think of him? ' right then he stepped down from the window ledge and began licking my hand. He had me right there. When we brought him home

He needed a little time to adjust. He shook and shivered for a couple nights My girlfriend and I held him all through those first few nights, soothing him like he was our newborn baby. He may have had a bad run with people and felt we were just more bad luck on his horizon But, we nurtured him and we were patient with him We took him to the doctor. We made an effort to include him in much of what we did and took him most everywhere we went. We even took him out for his very own cup of ice cream We also had nine of his abscessed and rotting teeth removed. The Vet reaffirmed he had serious gingivitis and many more teeth would eventually have to come out. What they didn't know or tell us was he was type 1 diabetic and he required daily insulin injections.

He had been suffering for a number of years from some harsh symptoms of this condition His body had started shutting down So, we administered insulin shots and For a while, his health improved. His coat having been greasy and unkept was now showing more luster having a richer, fluffier shine to it. We hand fed him baby food with raw meat all mixed in the blender. So, he could slurp up this nutritive mush. We carefully studied food labels so as not to have cereal ingredients which could dangerously elevate his blood sugar. Only when his legs became so seriously arthritic, he couldn't walk or stand we placed him on pain medication We then had a very tough decision to make. That being: To call the veterenarian to have him put down. Or prolong his suffering and his immobility. When the doctor arrived she asked us to say goodbye to him. It was a blur all too tidy and formulaic. He knew what was going on and started desperately crawling to his litter box in part to show us he could still function. Our little man didn't quite make it there which frustrated him further since he was fastidious about not making a mess Then, focusing on the 'business at hand' 'our death with dignity' doctor picked him up, setting him

and shot him up with a heavy tranquilizer. We could hear his rhythmic snoring our little guy, for the first time in a long time seemed to be at peace We wanted much more time to hold him and listen to his snoring asleep so comfortably. But, the doctor had her schedule to keep. So, the medication to stop his heart was given and in an instant He was no longer breathing. His neck muscles lax. and he was gone. His feline head was bobbing like a bobble head The doctor gave him to me and I kissed the top of his head. We paid her fee. She wrapped his lifeless body in his blanket and hauled his shell out to her car It was the last we ever saw of him intact He came into our life like a cleansing rain and he left us with a grief

I find difficult to describe

We have a box in a drawer filled with his ashes. I can't help myself

I cry like an abandoned baby when I think of our time with him Our 9 pound ball of furious love. My friend forever.

# From C To Shining C

Colluding and conspiratorial committees converge to conduct cosmic consortiums clutching for commerce with crass careerist contractors commandeering to commiserate with the cumulative corrosion of clergy Communal, most comely Cosmonauts co-mingle connective compilations and corollaries conceding to fall into a coma A clache of commodores carelessy conceive conundrums of complicity concomitant sans a modicum of compassion Comprising a commitment to conceit Coalescing to the core a colossal comedy.

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#### Gettin Rockin Ready

I saw you there a headin up the rank 'n' file I hope I'll be seein you 'round for a while Sweet 'n' sassy better than all the rest You didn't have to study when you passed the tests The way you move and shake it is a cryin shame can't think about my woman and you're to blame God's a perfect saint to make somethin like you Your hot sweet lovin ways are for the proud and few Gettin rockin ready gettin ready to get Don't be messin with the state I'm in gettin rockin ready gettin ready to get don't be messin with the state I'm in Your more than what it takes to make me stop and stare Gettin Gettin Ready, Gettin Ready To Get

I like the way you stink the way you part your hair Gettin """"""" "" Ready To Get You move them hips in ways that tell me you got class Gettin "" I love the way you told that punk to kiss your ass Chorus2: Rooty toot toot that booty for me. Come to sugar papa, we could swing from a tree You're the rooty tootiest beauty I ever did see Rooty toot toot that beautiful booty over to me one time... I saw you there 'a' heading up the rank and file HopeI'll be seein you 'round for a while

Sweet 'n' sassy

better than all the rest You didn't have to study when you passed the tests The way you move and shake it is a cryin shame Can't think about my woman and you're to blame God'sperfect saint to make somethin like you Your hot sweet lovin ways are for the proud and few Rooty toot toot that booty for me Come on sugar mama you can swing from my tree You're the rooty tootiest beauty I ever did see Rooty toot toot that beautiful booty on over to me. Be there On Time Shake it for me....

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#### **Girl Scout Cookies**

Trainwreck, Purple Kush, walk the dog, sour diesel Thai Stick make me slap shimmy like a weasel If you ask I'll tell you, I've sliced more than my fair share of golf balls in the rough I also will admitto you I've smoked some cray, cray crazy stuff

Still, I won't smoke no dope called Girl Scout Cookies There's no working it out no pill to chill I won't smoke a Boy Scout so don't leave me one in your will

I'll smoke adoobie, a blunt or a spliff then lie back in the crab grass and think. I won't smoke a joint a stick, a twisty or a twink. Those tags have too much of a foreign stink, and find a new name for pot called 'girl scout cookies' Thanks for the free rolling papers

medicated brownies and shatter Call me homophobic I won't suck up and down the pole of a tootsie pop roll it looks too much like flattened scat on a platter.

Some folks proclaim I'm gratefully dead. One thing is certain kind bud eases me into my southern fried head I might grab a shower and a new pair of pants. When my day's a hot mess of crumb cruncher stuff I need to twist one up 'n' put a groove in my dance When too much schwag leaves me suckin up dust.

It's why I'm tokin the good stuff while I still have the chance. So, I'm gonna have to take decline even if it's as you claim an elevating, mind bending classical gas. thanks just the same. I'll pass if you'd care to go next take my turn when the bong's stuffed with yaol and rarin to burn loaded with the spank from the dank you call 'Girl Scout Cookies'.

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## Gypsy Queen

You are the bridge in my scene Shake rattlesnake mean Gypsy Queen Rose Annalise should I question your kills what or whom pays your bills Gypsy Queen Rose Annalise You're the up in my beat can't help but feel your heat For your blazing hot kisses I must boldly compete. You can curb stomp, slap, beat me, proclaim it's my fault haul off my weary bones deep in your vault oh, to be first on your list who'd have ever guessed this I'd be made by your love Annalise

Before we're buried three deep and forgotten Let's make hay not misbegotten Give me all your lovin til our golden days Because, when you're good I feel terrific when you're bad I feel great Gypsy Queen Rose Annalise

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## Haiku You

Roadmap of my life jagged flesh war wound tattoos Burn hot from inside

#### Hard Drivin Man

In Hay fields and open waters Clearin brush to work the land he tends sheep upon highest mountain tops drives herd through Rio Grande Rests briefly, in the clover with a pinch of chew, his only friend Red Man And the heartache's never over for a hard drivin man He's fishing nights in deep sea waters His achin body works his plan. Pushes hard til arms fall out their shoulders not unlike a well cooked ham There'll be no respite til sun up then schools come in again No peaceful sleep forthcomin for a hard drivin man You see him waterin the horses flaggin balls for sports grand slam out slingin hash on chain gang road crew Pays his debt to Uncle Sam

In this Hell he finds no solace It's his God's master plan Another day of bone break work for a hard drivin man So, when you see him on the highway over windswept sea or sand Show him love and kindness He built the town you're livin in Paved the roads you tramp all over his dusty trail has no end and the heartache's never over, for a hard drivin man And the heartache's never over Fore he's a hard drivin man

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## Haven't You Heard?

Our V.P shotgunned his hunting buddy thought he was a bird Missing teen confirmed dead Haven't you heard? News at eleven All the best and brightest won't be takin the express lane up to heaven That's assured

There's floodin all along river roads Mudslides washin away heavy loads 1300 drown on ferry boat barge The poor get more of nothin while the rich live large Village gone buried deep under rock, muck, and sand Can't even move to Canada without a hundred grand The Chinese have launched a man into space Our world's gettin to be one damned, crowded place Shrimp boat smashed up on rough rocky cove W. sold our XYZ's to Carl Rove Newscaster's tellin us great big lies Trump gets a tummy ache and everybody cries that's the latest word what haven't you heard?

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#### Hawthorne Man

Such an angry young man shufflin down my street. Flat nothin to say to everyone he meet. Folks try helping him get out of the heat. He drags along in gross, filthy, torn rags with ripped moldy shoe casings over crust blackened feet. Toss him some change, Hell, he just throw it in the street. How'd he get to be that way? Kin folk say he'd be much better off dead Won't somebody please, put a hit out on his miseries. Town folk sav he'd be much better off dead. With a bullet to his head.

Got no friends tellin you no jokes. Won't let you offer on up your smokes. Run down

hustled jacked took down ut flat like a pancake on crackdown street. The game is to put on for you a crazy show who's lovin this baby I don't know What a shame, you've forgotten my name. How did things get to be this way? Kin folk say I'd be much better off dead So, won't somebody please put a hit out on my miseries. Town folk say I'd be much better off dead. With a bullet to my head.

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# Helen Of Troy

She asked if I would write a poem about her She wants to know if she's my Helen of Troy It's true, the holes I'm finding in my boat are causing quite a stir Said she I ought employ a full time water boy Doesn't she know I'm not a broken horse Nor her backside I shall not bend low to kiss Bold and swift upon her horse with short shrift she runs the course But, what a pity dearest Helen won't loosen up the bit Is she not aware how first I'd have to die before she then may write my elegy The boat the boy the horse all yours high time I said goodbye Lest Helen's magic

bend my other knee

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## High Hats And River Rats

Hardtack and whiskey gone whistlin Dixie on Cold River Run Way Skatland fiddlin, spindle cut, kindlin flaylin 'n' a balin hay High hats and river rats Mix it up like stray cats Folding cards they ought to pick up to play Misters been mistressin everybody's whisperin how the rich rout bold knights by seizing their days Sippin on bourbon It's gone high rise suburban on old riverfront clay When I look up in the sky no good reasons comes back why?

So, brother you can keep your change I'm rolling back to the range With my hardtack and whiskey long gone whistlin Dixie All dipsey doo dog day

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## I Pour The Beer

I'm the face behind the bar. You stuff stray bills into my jar. I'm the friendly stranger you spill your guts to Step up to my finishing line where I'll do my utmost to resurrect your stalest story and make it seem brand new Whether you sip or gulp the pleasure is mine Didn't that last belt go down fine? I'm here for you when you just have to run off for a refill or two Maybe whiskey's what you crave When life's blade of cold steel gives too close a shave Come on, man lay all your dirt down Whether from out yonder or the center of town I'm right there to fill your mug with liquid good cheer what luck, I saved you a place right over here. You're next in line The pleasure of serving you liquor and weed my good new friend is assuredly all mine. Might I pour you another I won't tell your boss your lover or your parole officer I'm your new main man your best dressed friend at this drinkin stand

So when the world outside won't lend you a hand. Put your head in this here 100 proof liquid sand. another good reason why we're both regulars here is you love the taste and I love the sound

of 'another round' of ice cold beer

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### I Was Loving You

I was lovin you when a monkey first climbed a tree And, I was lovin you when man first slithered from the sea And, I was lovin you when your devil fell from grace And, I was lovin you when you vanished without leavin a trace. I was lovin you

from the first day of our road.

I was lovin you when your good book was still young And, I was lovin you when your momma was runnin hot streets and havin her high fun And, I was lovin you when you threw your first penny in that ole wishin well And I was lovin you before their was a heaven or a hell I was lovin you till the end of the line so glad, I'm yours, you're mine I've been loving you from a safe distance

And I was right there lovin you oooh ooohh when you had your very first smoke And, I was lovin you when you thought my music politics, everything about this world was just a joke And, I was lovin you when your horses were still runnin free

And, I was lovin you when your flowers first got buzzed by big bad bumblebees I was lovin you til the end of time.

I was lovin you before you had a radio

And I was lovin you, your first day of school

when your momma said, time to go.
And I was lovin you
when you fell below that bottom rung
and I was lovin you
when your first favorite song that made me cringe
was cut and it was sung.
I was lovin you from your first
day til the Sun don't shine
why put up such resistance
I've been right here lovin you
from your
first day till your Sun don't shine.
I've been right there lovin you
from a safe distance

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# I Wish

I wish I could put out all your brush fires with my gentle rain. I wish those streaks of lightening wouldn't start your fires again. I wish to be young and strong enough to rescue you from any pain I pray to do all I never did for you this wish I wish Amen

I wish

You could call me crying, when you toss and turn at night

if and when the one who'd always love you, said, instead, to you goodbye If I could only be there to put your fires out with my gentle autumn rain I wish this wish for only you I wish this wish Amen.

I wish all horses I laid money on

would finish win place or show

Anyone who's anybody

we would surely know If I possessed the world for but an hour I'd spin it just for you. All clear blue skies in your green eyes

I wish this wish for me and you. A princess and her troubadour A duchess with her steed. If I could rule your world but once, I'd tilt it toward your every need. A haven of bone and fairy dust

where fondest dreams come true I wish this wish for no one else-I wish this wish from me to you.

your moonlit eyes before sunrise Sip pink champagne your sweet surprise To feel your heart beat next to mine is my most solemn prayer. I've been searching for you in so many faces I've been searching for you everywhere I wish to be young again and make a life with you. To wash ashore two wayward hearts this wish I wish comes true

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### Idn'tdat Thumpin

Idn't dat thumpin baby howwe got nothin to fear Idn't that thumpin how you're my ticket outta here Idn't dat thumpin how we blush hot when we kiss Idn't dat thumpin how we're beggin for more of this Idn't dat idn't dat idn't dat thumpin Isn't that thumpin baby how we lost them feet of clay Isn't that something how I rub me this way Isn't that thumpin babe How we got nothing to fear Isn't that thumpin baby how I'm your ticket outta here Isdn't dat Idn't dat idn't dat thumpin

All I know and vow for true your kiss to break the seal I've built my whole world right inside of you Honey, you mend my achilles heal

Idn't dat thumpin baby Idn't dat idn't dat idn't dat idn't dat thumpin

Sometimes I feel like runnin away where there's nobody else around

But, when I look into your deep, clear sparklin pool eyes I just gotta scream about the treasures that I found Idn't dat thumpin babe how we got nothin to fear Idn't dat thumpin how I'm your ticket outta here

Idn't dat thumpin how we lost them feet ah clay. Idn't dat thumpin how I rub you this way

Idn't dat Idn't dat idn't dat idn't dat thumpin

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# If

If you died today, not in 85 years If this, your last day on earth was today How much would you care of the how, why or where if your last day on earth was today You might first want to eat four or five dinners then skip out the joint and not even pay If they tossed you in jail who'd care you'd be cold as a stone quite soon anyway The local authorities could then haul you away Leaving The County Coroner on the hook for your cremation bequeathed to drop off your ashes at local train station Forthwith flagged Fed-Ex off to family crypt Having lived not so long thus two lovers got gypped of a true love to share

Tell me how much would folks care

And who'd really be there

or drinking it off somewhere

crying cool crocodile tears

If you died today

not in 85 years

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#### I'm Glad My Mom Can't See Me

I once was a young man who life dealt a bad hand and I've been knocked down to my knees You've seen me in soup lines I've fallen on hard times I'm glad my mom can't see me

I sell pop cans and plasma I'm scarred up, and battered

I ache from this life that I lead I get my meds from free clinics I'm warring with cynics I pop some ah doze and toke some ah deze

I got a dog for affection and sometimes protection She's there through the night as I bleed

and I'm lookin for a way out Might take the jump off the high bridge route

Maybe then I could get some peace and release 'Cause them town folk harass me they grimace as they pass me They have their high hat opinion bout me and it's free I served proudly, so boldly but who could've told me 'bout the things they'd order me to do

I killed men I killed women and even some children while wavin the red, white over blue These wars 'bout destroyed me my country ignores me what wouldn't I do for some relief from the heat My heart is abandon I sleep where I'm standin I'm glad my mom can't see me

I am drunk a little dirty hungry and worried I die every night in my dreams It's barrooms and alleys no peaks only valleys I'm just glad my mom can't see me

I once was a young man who life dealt a bad hand and I've been knocked down to my knees You've seen me in soup lines I've fallen on hard times I'm glad my mom can't see me I'm glad my sweet dear ole momma can't see me.

Vincent Johnson & Buddy Bee Anthony

# In

She said come on in brother, it's colder than sin make yourself cozy, come in. Now, I'm in, I'm in, I'm all the way in. I'm rockin with the crowd that's in like Flynn. Whether you're thin or overly round

in for a penny, in for a pound. Jeez Louise, do come on in. The man with the fat wallet

said Buddy, you call it

and don't hesitate to come in Now, I'm in over here I'm in over there I'm in just about everywhere I'm crackin it, stackin it, smackin it in

I'm groovin with the crowd that's in She asked is it out I said it is in It's in right, and tight and so outta sight Well this is my story the guts and the glory Now that I'm all the way in.

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## In A Man's World.

Daddy, I'm a grown man from long ago. Can't take the man heart outta me don't you know. Momma said daddy can't you see, ain't I good enough for you now that I'm good enough to be playin my blues, payin my dues, daddy, wish you could be here now to see me livin and dyin fr

As a grown man from long ago

Can't take the man heart out of a grown man don't chu know, momma said daddy, you're the best she ever had the fact you're not here no more daddy

makes me feel sad Daddy, I'm a grown man. My moves and grooves are doin me proud another spring heading into summer. Daddy, if only you could see me now I'm a real hummer. you'd be proud. A hit with the holiday dinner crowd Daddy I wish you could be here now to see me living and ridin free as a grown man daddy, from long ago.

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# In The City

Slam bam squeaky jam Blam glam about a gram Police ma'am shammy scam Make a livin to be dyin in the city shimmy sham hand to hand sticky flam Sugarcam in Uberland Make a livin to be dyin in the city what a pity not lookin so pretty down to the nitty Ain't a livin to be dyin in this here's my card, ain't nothin but a glass shard. city. you're flyin blind two steps behind up in a bind. no peace you find in this giant Stan the man, slam bam, thank you ma'am on the lam drop a scam Ain't a livin to be dyin in this gut shot played out burnt up what sup giant city

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Johnny 'the Outlaw' West

Your kids I won't coddle Because I ain't a role model That's what Johnny West often said a street troubadour, bleeding songs at your door. The legend, Johnny 'The Outlaw' West. He doesn't walk, he runs from the ones with their played out fun lying low allowing bullets to fly over his head Steering clear of the clean and safe roadside crew assigned to mop up his blood guts, pee and spit Singing proud his freedom song all the day long til they stamped a bullet with his name on it When his Sun goes down They'll claim how Johnny's done wrong singing his song about hatin the cops til his mouth got too dry to spit And how authorization came through for The Man to plant him out in an abandoned road side ditch No matter how their dirt goes down they're going to take their fleshy pound There's never a shortage of defendants and litigants. Still, few would agree how Johnny could be just another lyin, cheatin horse thieving, double dealin dirty rotten son of a bitch. No not the legend Johnny West Who said this life was a test

His guitar strummed the best. he was his own kind of man who drew crooked lines in the sand. Johnny 'The Outlaw' West.

# King David's Gold

Young David bold a story old made a pledge up high on golden altar A bloody Sunday's sacrilege boy king, not gonna falter If not a sin against The One on who's decree will bear An order naming The Nameless One's begotten son, declare...

As ancient and pagan shadowed princes brood hot in birthrightin waters their seed released in the blood red earth of God's forgotten daughters

King David bold a story old made a pledge up high on golden altar A bloody Sunday's sacrilege boy king, not gonna falter

Now, a Jewess Queen for love she fled while the Pope sports Mass armadas fed Great God's begotten daughters bred the finest cannon fodder

King David's gold, a story old made a pledge up high on golden altar A bloody Sunday's sacrilege boy king he gonna falter boy king he gonna falter boy king he sold out

# Last Call

All my heroes are dead, dyin in prison, or plastered on museum walls. That's why I've been startin brush fires on the Sun. Pumpin salty water into the Sea. Tossin boulders onto highest mountain tops. Fishing a rapid flowing stream With you gone, I've almost got nothin Since you up and left me last fall. If it weren't for my guns this sleepin bag bed I'd have nothin flat nothin at all

I once thought your love it was nothin, But, now I burn

for more of your nothin at all. That's why I've been spittin lava into volcanoes. Makin ice cube castles at the North Pole. Mercy once, twice, don't make cry out some more

Since, you've been gone

I got a boat load of nothin having up and left me and all. If it weren't for these guns, my sleeping bag bed this here grain alcohol and one last curtain call I'd have nothin no nothin flat nothin at all. All Rights Reserved

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## Legitimate

Here, take a DNA sample, Want to know my street name? get a fix on my M.O? Talk to the press and you may find I can't get convicted When I'm holding the gavel. So, bust out your big guns if you think they can travel Could you be legit hotter than a Johnny Bench catchers mit all grit What you're packin does it come in a kit? a number one hit, what chu waitin on tag, you're it. Now, you're bonded, licensed, field tested and legit Legit-I-mate.

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# Life And Love

As life goes on, time stretches me to sever the ties that bind us in sweet surrender. Like a moth to flame, drawn to the venom in you a potently deadly elixir.

I scream out danger, poison, and try to resist but, I'm lost in your thick, haze of spider venom, more venom, more poison, I submit to another beggars banquet. Still, if the ground under your feet ever shifts

or your rock-solid position ever crumbles Someday if ever your embargo's are lifted I'll keep my eye out for you Sight my sniper scope toss out my scatter gun pop a new cork in your bottle when it's all said and done love is a wheel let it roll let it roll Love is a wheel, let it roll let it roll fore the turn of the screw is what endears me to you. Like some mesmerizing storm cloud turning the sky black from blue Your love is like a wheel. So, let it roll.

# Little Bit

Guess I let myself go just a little bit. But, I can still go go go. Guess I let myself show a little bit. Good reason why you're all over it. Big Daddy let himself go a little bit. Since Big Momma rolled him a spliff. The stars say proceed with caution take it slow.

but, let yourself go a little bit.

I bet you can go go go. Good at saying yes. better at saying no

not letting yourself show a little bit. How would you feel if you got up and flowed with it. I guess I let myself go. When you acted demure to let him in So, I went out on a limb. The stars say go a little slow with it. But I'm pretty damn sure I'm far from over it.

# Looking Through Your Eyes

Can I tell you what I see looking through your eyes I see you pawning my jail house key From deep beneath your liquid green eyes. Do we have a chance. Look into my eyes. Don't lie to me Please don't lie to me Looking through your eyes. I'll tell you what I see emaculate connection soft curls cascade down your face You blow like the wind but you hit me like a train. Take a chance put your money down Slim. Take one last chance on a two time loser. Third time's charmed for this loser to win

# Lordy Momma

When I called on you,

you were called away.

To consecrate a fair child on the Sabbath day. I'm passing along my battered warriors heart, baton. after this, my final race Goodbye to all you bums, fools jokers and ghouls the waste of this place.

without the scent of the trail, activating passive resistance we fall silently from grace It's why I'm comin home to baby's momma Comin home to stay.

I thought I knew all the right answers. A real live ladies man a pretty smooth dancer Now, I find it a chore trying to make any sense when I speak I'm on a protracted losing streak So I'm comin home

Lordy Momma comin home to stay.

In your arms I'll duly invest. With you blessing my corner I'll bypass the rest.

That's why I'm comin home

to baby's Momma

I'm headin out your way

been ridin them rails

since I got kicked off the bus

I'm hungry for some lovin

without the fuss

That's why I'm comin home

to baby's momma

I'm headin out this way

Papa's comin home

to baby's momma

comin home to stay

for a flicker of your flame

To the devil with guilt

be damned the shame Papa's comin home

to my sweetie Momma

comin home to stay.

I'm rumbling down the interstate on this red eye roll the dice, train to fate comin in late

I'm comin home to baby's momma

comin home to stay

comin home to baby's momma

comin home today

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# Mary's Kitchen

They say whiskey's a poor man's woman cash money a rich man's wine But, I'm goin downtown to Mary's Kitchen to see what I might find

I'll eat 'tators with Li'l Jimmy soothe Jackie's troubled mind It eases my pain strollin down that lane to Mary's Kitchen where It's fine, to be 'a' bitchin bout that woman 'o' yours used to be mine I ain't very much into baseball and boxin makes me flinch. There's plenty of cake and doughnuts maybe a five dollar cinch And they're off at Mary's Kitchen, win, show, or place Where the best you can do is fall out of the race If work's too much fuss you are like me I'll hear your story Gus minus the fee

Don't cause me no damage not even a smidgen Have a good cry in your free coffee and cocoa Three Fingered Sally forget her she's loco see you at Mary's Kitchen

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Master Ghuey Charles Dickens

We brought home a kitty cat, his name, they said, was Ghuey. lazier than a hound dog and n'er the worry. Somehow Ghuey's got baby's momma wrapped deep in his spell. Ghuey won't be faring around here so well. She bought a screened in baby's stroller, for him to lay down flat.

I'm the one with the wheels around here imagine that? So, I picked up momma's precious And drove him to the turnaround. I tossed boy wonder in the bushes gunning my accelerator down. Don't you know he's charmed a farmer's wife keeps him stocked in fresh catch and boiled chickens.

There and thus I passed the torch To another more deserving of serving the domestic disaster by the name of Master Ghuey Charles Dickens

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# Method In Your Game

Put some method in your game, or you're bound to feel the shame in the rain, in the cold hard pouring winter rain Sprinkle some more method more than a quick hello and goodbye all the same don't be hidin behind your sign selling slim and gettin nothin Put some method in your game there's more to your life than flyin blind like the flyin Nun who don't get none. even the score when you suit up and hit the floor put some method in your game go long Son to get you some then get you some more

# Midnight

Midnight comes callin tender and true It's how I'll remember My life loving you. I've cried for your kiss How, I long for your touch Since, Midnight comes callin without your true love The chill of December much sadder than blue another night all alone With my thoughts drifting to loving only you I can't leave my room without a big little shove Since Midnight come callin

without you my love Midnight comes callin softly and clear I'll always cherish and remember loving you here my dear Since you went away with the Man Up Above Midnight comes callin without you to love yes, comes callin comes crawlin comes stallin without your forever burnin love

Vince Johnson & Buddy Bee Anthony

## More Time

I think I need a little more time. Time to heal, time to see. Time too feel, time for me. I need a little more time to decide.

I need time to laugh more time to cry. Lie under the stars and wonder why.

I need more time to travel, maybe hitch a ride.

Ride big rapids on the wild side. More time to fly learn to sail To pass go not go off to jail. Couldn't we all make use of a little more time.

Buddy Bee Anthony

## Most Beautiful One

#### Is there

any more room left in your heart Most beautiful one of them all when you can't be found the whole world falls apart most beautiful one of them all It would sadden me greatly like bridesmaids with daisies if you told me you loved me not I won't get my fill Since I've lost my free will to the most beautiful one of them all

I'll send a quick cable as soon as I'm able to the most beautiful one of them all In it, I'll tell you I'm fine while I'm losing my mind to the most beautiful one of them all

For a peck on the lips that was one helluva kiss I thought I felt everything til I felt this Whatever the stakes I just can't resist the most beautiful one of them all I nearly died by the phone awaiting your call Most beautiful one of them all Where there could be a door there's no entrance at all Most beautiful one of them all stirred shaken, and nervous still I'm thick in your service Where but here could this have led from the start When I tried walking your horses

before hitching my cart to the most beautiful one of them all Is that why there isn't anymore room left in your heart Most beautiful one of them all My one and my only must we be apart most beautiful one of them all No other so right I'd rather lose than not fight for your sunspots of neon star shine at moonlight You are what always and still gets me through cold lonely nights most beautiful one of them all

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# Mr. Blackball

T'ain't a movie and it's not a joke Your account's been frozen, now you're broke Nowhere to run credit cards are maxxed Boss don't need none blame Equifax

Like a deer in the headlights at the scene of a crime Hangin judge handin out quads, nickels and dimes Face features, splashed on a T.V. show American is wanted it's time to go You find you're payin more and more for less bought you a new name and a shadow address Caught by the short hairs cuttin you no deals Shoe leather's lookin like full course meals

And, you're stuck like Chuck in a big ole rut Mr. Blackball he one tough nut

Tell me all about it The fit has hit the shan Tonight we'll fight Today's got other plans His lawyers put your sweetheart's momma on the lam His little baby brother juked Jimmy Jam He's right there pickin and a winnin and a grinnin and a spinnin them webs as you fall Damn that man Mr. Blackball.

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## Need It Bad

Why's it gotta be the hard way the long way the somebody done somebody wrong way King Kong on my prong way Break it to me easy baby breezy when I can't get no sleep. Hit me up easy baby squeezy baby, I need it to eat. Shake me down easy a little sleazy baby I need it to breathe. break it down for me easy baby breezy Give me your very best piece when I need it bad Iron clad need it bad iust been had need it bad fat gold money's mad need it bad freeze my ass in Stalingrad need it bad schwag fell out my zip-bag now I need it that's why I'm still hangin 'round here it's dangerously clear Didn't you ever try runnin away or commit suicide? your puzzle pieces couldn't be all scattered 'round here? You smoke your stuff til you're dim and cross-eyed Over the moon puke drunk on cheap beer Is that what you hold sacred? doesn't it kick you in gear?

When you need it bad. Keep your porch light on all night

til you get it right, itchy twitchin for a fight

cause you need it bad, that's why we're all still slinkin round here. It's patently clear. You never said thank you when they said please You say your shits together but your shits up in your jeans. And you need it bad iron clad just been had fat gold money's mad freeze your ass in Stalingrad schwag fell out your zip bag need it bad. that's why I'm still hangin round here.

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## New Child

I've seen you squackin and cacklin like a jail bird on work release. J birds don't do much for me. Look at me now and you might find, my hitchhiker's behind high in the jetstream, ridin the breeze. I'm a predatory heron with a fish filled beak I'm in the grooviest groove, I stick when I move Like a new child criminal thief Zoo Zoo's and wham whams, exotic libations of liquid relief. Pick a card to win a dream vacation Let me warn you now I'm a load of and how. I'm a new child criminal thief. What of this new child? it's fair of you to ask you might find your answer if you peek in my flask There are potions, elixers, dust covered genie's lamps. Papa and momma's come a long way from collecting Gold Bond Stamps Living this life delectible, splendiferous, a spectacle, most unrespectable like a new child criminal thief. Try a blast of this or a bouquet of these. Let me know when you're ready with your pin number please I've covered my bases my calling card's the ace of spade drop the Koolaid in your coffee sip some moonshine in the shade

Let's chat things up for a while show me your style In the hope to find you too are a sleuth buck wild and uncouth a new child criminal thief.

Buddy Bee Anthony

## No Fault Divorce, No Messy Discourse.

I've got the matches. I've got the matches. If you bring zoo zoo's wham whams and your candelabra I've got the matches batches and batches If you need a match I'm the man to see. I won't track your clandestine history Won't battle you for sole or joint custody If matches are in your lesson plan. if a match is what you need a match is what I am Now If misery gets in with our company, I'll get a D- I- V- O- R- C- E I'm a grown man and this man's free. clearin out of this jail like monopoly We can leave as we entered, cut it clean My policy is Can't let in misery by leaving it's key under my mat. Misery runs a short course with me and that's that. From what I've gathered from my next of kin I'd be another dead fool letting misery in. for my father, his brother, the whole covenant of man

I won't abide by any such miserable plan If or when misery gathers a posse to capture me my strategy is to flee. I'll keep my pup tent my empty pockets stay my execution Striken be thy name from your death row dockets It's a match I won't scratch since it's sure to kill a good man deader than dead

#### No More

Everything good's been taken All the cool in school is gone Instead of rum n coke at a co-ed mixer I'm gettin iced milk on a soggy cone Everyone's chasin the same dollar Wherever I've made my home It used to be fun to meet and greet new people Now I get hollered at for sayin hello So, I've buried my face bone deep in a book I've casted off and away in an abandoned nook

I've turned hell inside out searching for that magic potion when my fifth wheel gets spinnin and my feet are in motion I can't take it no more I can't take it no more All this blood shed, the gutsy horror and more Tired of being treated like a two dollar whore. I just can't take it no more Ticker takers hauled away all the good stuff They'll sell you a ticker but you won't get enough

Bust your buns for bank notes instead of silver or gold to buy a lean to tent by the railroad I can't take it no more. I can't take it no more. bats on my ceiling rats at my door One day soon I'll even the score.

I just can't take it no more As a young man out flying my kite Mom and dad said things'd turn out alright But, my carefree days ended far too soon when my kite scraped the ground busting like a balloon I can't take it no more I can't take it no more I get the same raw deal when I go to the store Tried drowning in the ocean but, can't get past the shore I just can't take it no more What I wouldn't do to sleep once all through the night I'd spin the wheel of fortune take a midnight flight Work from eleven get off at four Gun my gas pedal on down to the floor

I can't take it no more I can't take it no more When I fall asleep I wheeze as I snore When I try to awaken I sleep walk out my back door. I just can't take it no more.

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### No Pussy In Hell

I don't care anymore pussy in hell. I might die and take you with me Pussy in hell Put the juice to me I'll fry Pussy in hell

SWAT's got twitchy fingers on the triggers they're locked in to off a new crop of niggers With no final statement nor prepared alibi Pussy in Hell Way beyond past no return pussy in hell I've burnt a cross over our engagement bed Pussy in hell I haven't yet made up my mind If I should wait for you in this nuthouse or in prison instead Pussy in Hell Without you I feel like a hopped up, crusty old fool messed up in the head

Raging hell of a mad man till you turn 21 So I may get well Pussy in Hell And play with you my precious new toy twang all your whistles and bells Pussy in Hell They'd surely lock me away for a very long time Pussy In Hell if you were to give me the signal that you would be mine Pussy in Hell. If I showed you my darker, more sensuous side Pussy in Hell Would you weep at the gallows Pussy In Hell. when I take that short ride Pussy in Hell. Your blaze burns like white fire From grace I have fell Treading turbulent waters Around your Grand Citadel Sprung my Tower of London There's no Pussy In Hell

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### Outta Here.

Who do you gotta know to get some love round here What do you gotta show How do you gotta flow to get some respect around here Who do you gotta blow When the squeaky wheel don't get no grease Who do you come to for some release I don't know, we outta here

How do you gotta flow to get some traction 'round here

Who do you gotta snow

I be what I wanna be I see what I wanna see I free what I wanna free Not everything is what it is supposed to be I'll be your angel face cause I knew you were an angel, and I want another taste I want another taste

I knew you were an angel and you'd write a song about me

I knew you were an angel, and you'd take these chains off of me

I asked you why you live in Forest park? you said, with the light of their spark your soul can't be marked they can't scare you in the dark say, do you know where to go to get some peace around here

'I don't know we outta here'

Buddy Bee Anthony
# Party Step

First, let's get somethin straight. or are we gettin started? let's get somethin straight, Then we can roll. I want to first get somethin straight. so, you're not deceived or brokenhearted. Let's get something straight. This is the main event not a show? First, can we get something straight. Bet your bacon I'm just gettin started? let's get something straight. or let it go. So, if you're straight, I got somethin straight up to get this party started. let's get something started then straight up shake

an ole party step home.

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Pay Me

I'm not an exhibit at some zoo, I'm not the circus monkey playing the kazoo. I'm your main man with sweet rhythm and blues They call me Smooth move the cream of the flock who the crop are you shut up and pay me. I'm the wow in your purple haze if you want the breeziest, shweaziest, play by play. I'm not a show I'm your main event, now hear this I'm what's new the best who the flock are you. shut up and pay me. I'm not an exhibit at your public zoo I'm not a cockroach you squash under your shoe If you want the magic. Magic's what I do. tribute is payment where payment is due so sit your ass down shut up and pay me

Buddy Bee Anthony

## Pesto

You went and ate the pesto Ate up all the pesto My baby ate the pesto nummy num num You milked all of it and presto You couldn't resist the pesto gulping up my pesto like a skid-row bum Slurping it up without a whimper of protest no You gulped down all the pesto what else could I have done but say go cat go When you ate all of my pesto You just couldn't resist the pesto You scarfed it down alfresco Then, having slept awhile I drank my rum then gave my baby some

Buddy Bee Anthony

## Police

I hate the police. I hate em yes I do. I hate the police, try and tell me what to do? I hate the police man don't you hate em too? 'Cause I can't do what I wanna do to you Policeman when I'm stylin at the mall. Policeman throw you up against a wall. Policeman tellin you walk a straight line. Got my ride on cruise control man, was that a stop sign? When my girl's fall down drunk Policeman don't be askin bout the contents of my trunk. Man I hate the police when I'm snaggin a piece of yaol. Now, they're hot on my trail and I gotta make bail. I hate the police I hate em just like you I hate the police don't ya'll tell me what to do Mr, Choker, what a joker, he's done nothin nice to me what has he done to you FBI, ATF FCC Why are all these screws and bulls sweatin you and me?

I hate the police when you call 911 They say,

'sorry girl, your man's goin to jail let's get a move on Son. I hate the police They're really bad entertainment Smiling all too friendly at my felony arraignment Get off my stick **Dick Tracy** Stay away from my freedoms Peter Pan law man Don't be crashin my parties and smashin my dreams wreakin havoc wherever you can. I hate the police when there's nothin goin down they're right up in it When somethin's hot and poppin takes em 24 hours just to watch 60 minutes

You see I'm free and 21 don't be tellin me to freeze When I'm makin a run for the Moon, the Stars and the Sun.

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Portland

Portland, where nobody has a full time job with job benefits.

To Portland you go when your pants hang down low

you must prove you're a Portlander and camp out in wetland sand Portland Your mortgage is underwater and your car insurance is risk you've got a splitting headache with walls three feet thick For all that you unduly lack you've still managed to stash

a Burnside Cadillac welcome to this dirty white boy Rez called Portland

She's no boy no ploy or anybody's toy just a mysanthropic lez with her shiny new civil rights now intact of which the ninth circuit court is one court on the circuit yet to be on board with all that Portland where the middle aged and tragically hip flaunt sweat pants and swimming speedo trunks flip flops with a kilt like skirt. stinks like angry skunk Wood ticked in to Portland your tab will remain open until last call when you suck down your last Johnnie Walker Red or Blue while your toyfriend's smiling at all the barfly's all the while huffing

model airplane glue Oh, Portland My nerves go on frazzle My bones too wizened to be dazzled by 'Happening' shows featuring garbage pail kids slow dancing with I phones in Portland

Your next paycheck's months away but, don't fret, cause you're real neat petite, and like, super discrete

hiding the dark mystery of your clandestine history from your friends. With world class debating skills a creator a debater a problem solving faux gladiator sporting mad hatter thrills that pay most of your bills and steel toned buns avoiding serial killers lurking in hallways scheming to end wayward daughters and sons in Portland you've been told you're eclectic positively, electric occasionally dyslexic

It's so Portland How you refuse to smash and patetically try to defend not smashing pumpkins even one whole month after Halloween's over because

pumpkins are sentient beings. I guess all those rotting pumpkins end up next door from Mt. Olympus, in rotting pumpkin heaven.

In this factoid/fictional 'Mayberry with Skanky tattoo's Just take a gander down these chalk white legs, and down those cream colored forearms and legs that's me and that's you You're multi cultural, mediteranian, Indian, white, asian, mixed, hispanic and been dropped off here by mom and dad You're cool and all good on the row team at school you're stellar, aren't you? subsisting on parental support been fleeced, then flushed down the rabbit hole Though, karmic good deeds mope along with you wherever you go

The story is first a safe cracker stole all your prized builders tools Your're new bunkmates are hop heads, drunkards, and ghouls Here in The Stiff Collared City That clerks You're a shoe in to flourish with our fresh class of twerps in Portland

You're older but your Sugar Daddy still coughs up your rent Proud how you can still make the younger guys flinch You're not whack, you feel good, you do fine you're a tough nut to crack you can change on a whim dug a trench down the rabbit hole for you and for him

#### Here in Portland

The perfect career choice just reneged the deck is stacked and the game is rigged and they have quadruplicates of you already that's why you've been stiffed but, you've won a handsome parting gift two scoops of rougher than ready while you're dicked around on their induction line got it Freddy?

#### Portland

Where your boss is a psycho cross dressing head compressing pimp. a sketched out bad acid trip. Still I'm ok and you're ok But, who's doing an honest day's work around here anyway?

#### Portland

has a dandy independent contractor position waiting for you flying a sign by the freeway off ramp or passing out samples of incredible organic non GMO state of the art community based holistic home crafted pot edibles

dealt by a fake biker chick pole dancer who can do the splits in the all together Ah, Portland, you're getting by on more than whipped bacon cream pie and Mad nuggets Say goodbye to slush money flowing under our table It's one reason why the rush to legalize with instant access to 700 channels of cable Portland, you're first on the scene to mess up a juicy wet dream Sloshed on Pale ale twice fried potatoes under house blue cheese If you forgot about your diet No worries it's gluten-free. You got banged for your buck The screw who won't hire you is King Of The Schmucks I know you've complained how you barely get by Your urine's being tested though, you're still getting high your dealer's been waiting for you at the park it and fly Portland where you can practice Pilates, Reike, yoga, a whole slew of mind/body tricks You're eternally young, hard and strong with the boldest hairdos Marvel at our freak show of mismatched stuffed pricks a human petting zoo thick with the delightfully sick You don't need permission to hold an exhibition on the stage we call Portland be a star of your show

here's a free ticket upgrade get in the flow unless other plans have been made you're so in the know and good to go in Portland Thank God for the free state of Portland Thank God for these grown children raising kids No one could adequately describe a twenty something playground like this Patchouli scented incense on fire traversing two tree trunks on a wire Maybe it's schwag but hopefully fire Welcome to Portland Where your number one goal is healing body and soul Portland the performance Portland unsheathed, and unrated it zigs when it zags On the prowl for movie time gold If this be your case May your position remain liquid as cash rock solid and bold and you're able to keep the cat in the bag and not have to sling too much swag when you're old Like anywhere, Stumptown has it's problems but we make time to relax When life is the pits and you can't find your niche it's one cold bitch when you're nixed 86'd come to Portland Folks much better than I have started to twitch and guzzle their beer feel free to pass out right here where it's kush so delish chill

pop a pill have another blast of this you're in Portland Hooray for Portland, it's so bleedin awesome that nobody's clear If employment with job security might ever appear

The kids are latchkey and collecting food stamps Since buyers and sellers have put on the clamps you've been stranded unwanted dissed then dismissed not trusted, they don't need none got to eat so you take some sorry you're busted and on the cop watch list. If you're not sporting the right kind of fine you hit the back streets running pushing on only to find you've arrived at the end of the day where you started, at the back of the soup line in Portland

You've been calling collect to your mommy and daddy

for more run around cash

You tell them how

you're busting your hump

for a trickle of yesterday's stash

No honey ham with poached eggs for breakfast

it's mac and fake cheese on textured beef hash

Because,

You ran through your trust fund

like a feverish rash

your 401K

holds negative cash

Take heart, life is good,

plus, there's no sales tax Salvation at last here in Portland It's the place where you go when your pension runs low Whether you're on top of the heap or the bottom of the barrel We're one tribe, united we're trailer park feral In Portland

If you want to be one of us You'll camp in Forest Park or in your V.W. bus where most everyone's strung out or heavily sedated clinging to a dishonorable peace amongst the mass medicated There's a religion here for the chosen few with little to do they must be still waiting for Godot what a bore Thank you Namaste right back at you but who if anyone is minding the store?

Here's Rose pedals in tribute to those who fell down the rabbit hole drowned like a sewer rat a tit mouse a vole.

Portland where money is a four letter word so spend it all stat What rhythm you have you wear silly hats lock in the beat wash both your hands rinse and repeat smile wide for the camera you're in Portland

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### **Poster Child**

Are you real or just a poster child are you real you know you drive 'em wild I'm a poster child, not unlike you up in the spotlight, it could've been you too poster child poster child of funk

I know how your waters flow Your ole man by the river told me so He said give you a kiss like this then go with the heavity heavity ho

Cuz, noddin off the way you do. pump pump sometimes you get that junkie's flu pump pump You said shame on me? no shame, where were you? I was there for you little poster child Poster child of junk Come into my power station

on line fantasy Megabytes are risin don't you dare log out on me But, get off line, get real don't want your tired old shpiel Come downtown to these streets

talk to everyone you meet and show me your best piece of work Let me tell you why Cuz, I'm the poster child of funk that's why Pumpety Punk Where the air is fresh the water cool the grass forever green You stoke my 'magination on this smokin laptop machine Emmaculate connection soft words fall down like rain You blow in like the wind but you hit me like a train So, get off line get real don't want your tired old shpiel Come on downtown to these streets talk to everyone you meet and show me your best piece of work. Let me tell you why Cuz I'm your poster child of funk that's why

If you'll be my auxiliary I can be your main Telephone lines are crossin bout drive me insane But, get off line, get real don't want no tired old shpiel. come on down to these streets talk to everyone you meet and show them, show us, show me your very best piece of work Let me tell you why Cause, I'm your Poster Child of Funk, that's why. supersonic, electro-onic connector cable site

You're sitting there at my table So, let's rock on through the night I'm gonna get you offline so get real don't need some tired old shpiel come on downtown to these streets talk to everyone you meet and show me, show us show them show everybody your best piece of work like a poster child poster child of funk Pumpety pump

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# Prince.(Philip Robb)

There once was a young man named Phil He'd walk straight out your store without paying the bill His nickname was Robb He was a one-man mob Word on the street

he was a thief of high repute make no mistake He'd pillage your loot He stole fast funny cars He took from musicians their gold-cased guitars

He snuck off with valuables lock-picked from boxes He offloaded furs made from ermine and foxes Phil was unique He'd shout as he'd speak He took his free-base though he didn't play ball He'd smoke til flat broke and another police call But at the scene of the crime no Phil would they find Only a plastic container once holding a pill The color of blow

Phil was white as fresh snow But he'd bleed you black as disaster

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# **Prodigal Dodger**

It doesn't take much more than a mating instinct to be a father. presto, Here it comes, and there it goes, I'm a father. I came down through a few chimney's carrying flowers and mead. This prodigal steed in too deep to prodigal daughters. A gardener planting seed Night time visits at a sex starved orphanage we stayed in bed from dusk til noon. Until one day her new mama whisked her off to her religion. By some cosmic quirk I was her choice to sire you, her love child daughter If momma's precious grew up anything like her papa she'd love them, then leave them, kiss em, then she'd squeeze em Till she got em so bat crazy they couldn't help themselves. That's lust a take no prisoners game. A war, with few guarantees a winning hand expands your territories. My birth daughter will 'dress' for success while wearing the 'pants.' A lusty dame, plotting all day. because she's built that way

and won't trap herself into a marriage with the first starry eyed paramour who sells her how he's the only one she could or should ever love The only one who could ever make her happy.

### Promissory Note.

Mother Earth is sacred ground. The land that your grandfather's father's swore to forever protect. Lands earned with sweat and blood and hammered out of lawful decree. Today, Sovereign nations are once again being tested. Encroached upon by oil companies, transporting Texas Tea through underground pipe lines. Where excavated earth meets groundwater. Judges ought not tip their scales to those who'd destroy the integrity of our lands, water or air simply for profit. How sovereign is an Indian Reservation? What is a promise of sovereignty worth? Do you feel our forefathers came together to pull a sneaky trick on the Indian? Foundations standing the test of time aren't built on shifting sands of false promises

before more lies lead to blood shed do the right thing, and deny the rights of oil transport companies who will harm Mother Earth..

Your papers have made corporations into people.

How silly it gets when profits are at stake. There is wisdom to honor and protect Mother Earth by decree laid down in treaties made with the first people Allow Indiginous peoples to continue to care for our waters and lands To remain watchdogs and when necessary sound the alarm, as they are now, as stewards of our planet. Allow Indians to fulfill their promise to always stand guard and be vigilant protecting Mother earth and sky, including all our rivers that flow the groundwater we drink.

protecting all generations yet to come on earth, home to our entire human family.

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## Psychodilio

Don't hide from me when you cross my call. Don't shine on me when you cross my heart. Don't fly with me when you cross my hall. Don't ride with me when you cross me hard. Don't cry for me when you cross my karma. Don't die for me when I cross Valhalla.

I won't ride with you when you cross my call.I won't shine with you when you block my shot.I won't die for you when you cross Valhalla.I won't side with you when you're hotter than hot.

won't fly with you when you're hotter than hot. I won't spy for you, won't cry with you, won't sigh for you when you're hotter than hot. When you're hotter than hot. When you're hotter 'n' harder then hollah 'n' ha!

# Rain

I like to walk in the rain, ride my bike, skate, shout, hike, and run full out in the rain. Don't you know, before the Sun comes out again to shine, between a rock and a heart shaped valentine it's gonna rain.

if you got no game, you're bound to feel the shame, in the rain in the cold harsh rain. So paste on your best church Sunday grin for those fun sunny days before the clouds blew in. Just remember, before your Sun comes out again to shine between a rock and a blood red valentine

it's gonna rain.

it's gonna rain rain rain rain rain.

Buddy Bee Anthony

#### **Ram Power**

I've got the matches. If you need some matches. Can you bring the zoo zoo's wham whams and your candelabra. I'll strike this match to make you sing I'm the man with the scratch if a match is what you need. won't hone in to expose your clandestine history or dwell on some long ago misery so as to gain custody over sexual property where are those zoo zoo's and those wham whams I won't scream or squack or cry like a lamb. If a match is what you need a match is what I am If your lovin's ever bad for me We'll divorce No frills, no fault, or fuss for custody Throw it back like a fish plucked from the sea, cut things clean. I'm no role model, I'm just a free lovin man.

I'm just a free lovin man. If it's over, cut me loose I won't salt your plan misery doesn't need more company Let's divorce, no frills, no fault, you're free blow a kiss goodbye from you to me even the best medicine has a disclaimer printed on the vial stating side effects could maim or kill you. there's no one recipe for love's master plan. A misery can razzle dazzle any fine woman or man have a last drink, make a toast say and do what you please with preppy propositions to curl men's toes wrapped up in a scented box all ribbons and bows with Ram Power to scam a simpler man deader than dead

#### Raven

#### Raven

What can we make of this war for our village

explain all this plunder and pillage

It's all too frightfully clear Since Raven's been wavin war flags around here So Raven stop wavin war flags around here

Raven You want to blast us into outer space

First let's feed house and clothe the whole human race 'Cause, there's war over here death and gore over there

We have not another world to share or spare It's all so painfully clear Since Raven's been wavin war flags around here So Raven stop waving war flags around here

Raven Don't go engravin dull colors of your framin

of our red, or our white over blue It shames us to see the dirty tricks that you do

It's all too patently clear

Since Raven's been wavin

war flags around here So, Raven stop wavin

war flags around here Raven

It blows as blood flows on our heads and our toes heaven knows we're shedding much more than a tear Since, Raven's been waving war flags around here. So, Raven stop wavin war flags around here Raven

who are you savin with points you've been shavin the lives you are takin the ground you have shaken No haven is safe from blind hatred we fear Since Raven's been wavin

war flags around here

So Raven stop wavin

bloody war flags around here

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## **Remedy For A Frenemy**

I remain awestruck by your solemn stillness, amidst a maelstrom of discord.

I'm left breathless by your passion to coalesce social changelessness with desireless equality. I am eternally beholden to your beautifully encrypted mixed messages.

I'm a gentle witness to your unwavering static balance having accepted your relentlessly maddening clarity. I remain ever mindful to the cadence of your rabidly enthusiastic childlike discourse.

I marvel at your infinite energies for even minded non-attachment. I am left spellbound by Your loyal reverence to cutting things clean while maintaining a conditional tolerance

With one-minded faith and determination you have served to unify my unconditional surrender.

I am trustee to your unceasing devotion to facilitate complete and utter, mutually assured non-connectedness.

while cloistered in odd luxury, boldly you challenge

the natural ebb and flow of creative spontaneity. Your energetic preening for blind justice over forgiving grace catapults you to the top of the leader board In great barren halls your legacy of thrifty encroachment assures the non-distribution of life sustaining resources to those in dire need for all perpetuity. Would it do any good to beg a reprieve from your blessings laid out like blue ribbons at my table.

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### Revolution

Medication don't work no more to ease my endless pain. How about a revolution Sure, the faces are all different but the game remains the same. How about a revolution What of that clever wink of yours

when fronting for the man How about a revolution At one time you and I were tight part of my inner clan How about a revolution The plans we made were all for us this is what you said.

How about a revolution. The way things are now going I'd be better off dead. How about a revolution I play my music hard until my fingers bleed and puff. How about a revolution I'd like to cut off your head and have a cliff to throw it off How about a revolution End this collusion of exclusion Defuse smart bombs of confusion Sisters and Brothers Fathers and Mothers How about a revolution How about a revolution How about a revolution Today

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# Rock 'n' Roll Man

What can I say, I just don't care. Your brand new puppy got eaten by a bear? You want to point a finger let me give you a hand. I pull the trigger in this rock 'n' roll band. The impound lot ganked two of your cars. Your best new girlfriend's mother has SARS. Your kitty drank bleach, now it don't purr. Poked your brother's eye out with a fishing lure. Army hero sugar daddy hit by a scud. horse drowned dead fell in guicksand mud. What can I say, nobody cares. Grandma fell down a flight of stairs. They got the wrong man threw you in prison? Drank some bad hooch, and caught the botulism. Minding your own business when your throat was slit. Tried screamin for help but could only spit, Momma saw a ghost 'n' lost all her hair. 'The Fastest Gun in The West's in a wheelchair. So, if you wanna shake a finger best shake your whole hand but, don't blame it on me I'm just the singer in a rock n roll band All Rights Reserved Buddy Bee Anthony

## **Rock N Roll**

Anybody wanna Rock 'n' Roll. Kick up some dust we could break some glass. Tie a big one on then kick some ass. Run with big bellied boys on Saturday Nights. There's no tomorrow we'll have to do it all up tonight Smoke our stuff then steal a big, fine, car Hit them hotspots like a superstar

We'll righteous rumble break The Golden Rule

Got suspended won't have to skip no school Goin uptown with some downtown girls Let's Rock n Roll

Pullin thunder under pale moonlight Before tomorrow we're gonna get tight tonight Keep ours zippered tight

Take out my '44' lock 'n' load. Tear up this town then hit the open road Folks tell us 'straighten up, you'd better fly right' Ride red lightening fight our very best fight Gone medieval on some dumb, punk, ass Lay down the law then hit the ga ga gas Romancin May dirty dancin with June

Fat tires peelin out howl at the moon Goin downtown on some uptown girls That's Rock n Roll

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## Rock 'n' Roll Call

They rock ' n' rolled you They bought 'n' sold you Then they tossed you in the back of a car First they created you They then gold-plated you They played you like a drunk at the bar

They really loved you They God aboved you They said, brother, sister, you shall go far They switched 'n' baited you They gyped 'n' jaded you For tryin to be a rock 'n' roll star

They flocked to flatter you So they could scatter you Some blind loyalties can leave a fresh scar Your song's been charted all broken hearted they bought you a brand new limousine car T'was Purchased only cause you were lonely from the burn of bein a rock superstar

They rock 'n' rolled you They bought 'n sold you They rock 'n' rolled you They hot 'n' cold you They rock 'n' rolled you But no one told you The songs that hooked you snuck up and took you down hard... So very hard

# Save The Hippies From Extinction

Save the Hippies from extinction. Everywhere you look there's Otters, Penguins, Manatee's, Koala Bears Red Tailed Hawks, Peregrine Falcons, Bald Eagles, Polar Bears, Wolverines

hardly any hippies Forget the whales, do the math they have the entire ocean to roam free You would reach out to save a Mountain Gorilla

while foresaking your Cousin Hippy

even though hippies are genetically almost, just like you Save the hippies from extinction. when you're shakin and you're bakin and you're fryin, almost dyin in a vat of the fat cat stew. 'Cause they're gunnin for you they got a slick new crew it's a witches brew don't get that goo on me don't get none of their gunk on you Don't get the fat cat flu Just don't do what them fat cats do and save the Hippies from extinction on Hawthorne, Belmont, Burnside, Glisan, Division Hawthorne, Hennepin, Nicollet, Lyndale, France, Nebraska Avenue Ain't it about time to save Hollywood and Vine

An't it about time to save Hollywood and Vine Bourbon Street, Courtney Campbell Causeway too Save the hippy screamin to fly out of you, themetal head headbanger outlaw Hell's Angel freak
dreamer **Gutter Punk** Gypsy Joker heavy smoker brown, black, pink, panther cross dresser save the crips and bloods Mongols strippers addicts black mambas sic boys hot momma's too. Everybody built these cities, you know it's true. when you're bakin and you're quaking and you're crying, close to dyin

in the pink hot and tasty stew

cuz they're runnin for you faster n faster, 'n' faster, Ju Basta Chu bastard. So, don't forget to save the hippies from extinction

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Save Us From The Children

Children, what good are they? They eat free at restaurants or pay according to their weight. I don't get those options, why should they? Plus, children are allowed to ride the bus or train for free. Generally, children don't work for a living so it's little wonder they hardly ever pick up the check. Children don't come at you one at a time Instead, they blitz you in bunches. A single child hardly ever gets on a bus. Invading, instead, our common spaces like storm troopers hoards of them in fun packs of 30 Talking endlessly about all that is only interesting to them When one of them loses a tooth, another, magically grows back in it's place. They don't have to worry, children have a spare set. When I lose a tooth

there's no money forthcoming under my pillow. when I chip or break a tooth on a Jawbreaker or Peanut Brittle, I have to lay down hard cash to my dentist.

Speaking of candy, children have co-opted Halloween. A holiday originating with the Druids in honor of the dead having departed to the spirit world. Children haven't earned a holiday

in their honor so they've stolen one. Children get away with being disruptive screeching and howling like monkeys. At least monkey's live in trees

where we don't have to walk amongst them. Plus, children stink like stale candy and barbeque sauce Their scent trail, barely tolerable.

I, especially loathe those special children

dressed up in Nike 'Air Jordan' shoes and designer Hathaway button down shirts.

Nothing's as hearbreaking as a four year old in a three piece suit. 'Smile for the camera Skippy'

I can only scarcely imagine the humiliating horrors awaiting these children down the road. Stop dressing youngsters like adults. Stop dressing them for success

because it's a lie and everyone knows it.. It's small wonder these children get bullied unmercifully, by other kids. Children haven't yet

achieved anything other than being born and annoying strangers. children should be issued

Keds, tee shirts and and blue jeans, period.

Chilren go on about nothing in a desperate hope someone might notice how cute they are, but, they are mostly ignoredbecause you aren't cute. They are aren't cute nor wise beyond their years. Most of them are crumb crunching novices, ridiculous little tragedians who haven't yet lost a job, had a lover break their heart balanced a check book, or driven a car.

I've heard it said children should be seen and not heard, but, I don't even want to see children. let them Live away from us on barges where they can giggle mindlessly to their hearts delight All the harshness and cruelty in life might offend the poor children. to adjust to their innocent, and most delicate sensoriums. Adults shouldn't have to modify our behavior patterns to suit kids. If anything, shouldn't it be the other way around? So, when I hear some smiling and waving twenty something approaching me

asking me to save the children.

I answer them by saying 'why would I save children? I hate children. When they've had some living under their belts, and have earned passage into the adult world through service, then, let them come back to adult civilization and live amongst us. By the Way Mountain Gorilla tastes like chicken

#### Serious

I could never hurt you Why, do you think I should? Even if I had call to hurt you Do you really think I could? I would never hurt you You're so unreal when you're soul suck furious Are you serious I would never hurt you. shuck you like a warn out shoe I could never hurt you Like somebody's done to you When you think I'd hurt you

you're so unreal when you're curious and so serious I would never hurt you Maybe you think I should.

I would never hurt you Do you really think I could?

If you think I'd hurt you run away and desert you I'd be first to alert you Before I cut raw deals and got injurious

If I would ever hurt you It'd do me more harm than good. I would never hurt you Lord knows, sometimes I should. It wasn't me who hurt you, are you serious Wouldn't I be a good tree to run to when you're far from home, and you're mysterious

I would never hurt you even when all the others could and would. I would not convert you It wouldn't do me any damn good I could never hurt you On a stack of bibles knock on wood. you're on some kind of roll Soul sister so

is my mission understood? Going, going, gone baby gone Next batter

# She's The Girl

She's the girl who's halo slipped down to her shoulder She's the girl wear her clothes all dirty white She's the girl never seems to grow much older She's the girl make you sweat the sheets at night

And she's the girl whose soul could fill up all the oceans She's the girl who's spinnin my emotions til I'm drownin twistin slowly in a circle like a whirlwind from my insides to my out She's the girl without a doubt had to come from somewhere She's the girl sweeter than a prairie rose she's the girl who seems the sum of nowhere She's the girl

always thinkin til she knows How does she know I'd love to made her mine one time send her me in a pink card with a sticky valentine Inside my message it would read You fill my burnin, achin need Let me tell you all about her Oh boy, Mocha Joy she'd be comin back home to me. She's the girl, joy dancer Joy Don't say. joy dancer' she's the girl

she'll be comin home slinkin on home She's makin her way back home to me.

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## Sick With The Music

Flick your Bic with the Music Do a high kick with the music Twirl a walking stick with the music Do you know how to get sick with the music Tweak and wreak with the music Haute mystique Post up chic with the music Are you all the way sick with the music

turn one last trick lickety split roll out a pick I am all the way sick Quick as a finger prick Thick as a brick with the music isn't it time to be all the way slick and ready to click all in and sick with the music

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## Sidewalk Finger

I ask, does he give good face? she shrieks with moan. It starts me up to decorate my scream.

Vampire bats run shadows off the neighbors patch-trick dangle slime Fake fright on smelly kids creep-nod by a tombstone that tells them so suddenly, sullen things appear bloody-orange fire ignites within our reach sweaty juiced-up goblins shake a party step home A casket full of bone spiders willingly do horrify Rustles tear at fanged pumpkins in my head as the wash/woman calmly folds her witch broom corners careful not to singe

the Shinola tinted skin off her sidewalk finger.

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# Simpleton's

What if human brains were the size of a puppy dog. wouldn't our lives be more joyous, more peace filled? Would we smile more often and make friends more easily? Instead of our laptops being used to communicate, They be in use as heating pads aiding in tending sore muscles from skipping rope, or playing kick the can. Instead of racing to make better mouse traps using a more sophisticated triple chambered trick bag deluxe shop of horrors. we could relax outdoors by our favorite tree joyfully feeding the birds and squirrels Surely, our animal neighbors wouldn't fear us as much. Wouldn't their be enough work for the willing. No lawyers fighting class action suits. Without the burden of litigation, there'dbe more than enough to go around no strikes, or walk outs, lock outs, or lay offs. We'd have no need for surveillance equipment motion detectors, and security people because there would be no master minded criminals cutting corners, working angles. We wouldn't need spies Without trickery or the divisiveness of nation states. Their'd be no treason All knowledge could be shared by the curious. Arson, sabotage, theft, extortion, gone. No police or FBI, having no organized crime syndicates. or looting. Vandalism would amount to carving our initials in a tree.

without gang shootings, or serial killings done by the brilliantly disturbed or misguided

we could really 'come together and trust one another'

we could casually hang out at the drugstore and not feel any guilt for being labeled a bum or a low achiever.

Soda jerks would replace baristas. Would it hurt to have fewer choices? Folgers, Sasparilla, Orange soda, or Root beer. We would only practice inexact sciences. since, there would only be novice scientists. Most interpretations of the physical world would be considered a wild guess or a personal opinion. With smaller brains, we wouldn't require borders passports for crossing international borders. We could all simply traverse the planet Just a coalition of the blissfully forgetful out riding our bikes or trikes, with a jingle bell on our handlebars a playing card clicking along on our spokes. To entertain a simpleton further, we'll make hand puppets against shadows, instead of complex movie making Create puppet shows telling simple morality plays to pass down critical oral survival knowledge Cooking would consist of gathering wood and starting a fire to heat up water. No raging celebrity chefs throwing hot food at novice upstarts People wouldn't have to run off to Hollywood so they could act, sing or dance. Maybe it's time to get simple stupid before we trick ourselves into extinction, with all these overeducated, smart mouthed brats fostering fear envy and suspicioun Let's consider shifting back to a simpler life and time clear our minds deconstruct the push ever forward of human potential. Taking a wise step back to our original selves hiding just

underneath the surface of lumbering, heavy brained, machinations and other facades.

# So I Sing

It doesn't matter what I wear. Or how I style my thinning hair. I could be wearing tons of bling no one takes notice If I don't sing

When I spin out some tall tailed yarn how all the horses ran out the barn They only find me interesting If I sing

When describing the body politic, they think I'm laying it on too thick

Proud I bellow from the valley to the hills as Your Majesty The King a grande coronation if I sing and so I sing and so I sing. and sing and sing A story teller of great renown with paying customers gathered round

my heat is stunning, blistering when I do sing When I whisper softly in your ear you have no clue of what I'm saying nor do you shed a salty tear. unless I sing unless I sing

A town crier I shall remain of ill repute.

with my audience in disarray and in dispute with all points being moot. if I don't sing and so I sing and sing and sing.

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## Song And Dance Man

You were built for speed. With hot lovin to make a grown man cream Why are you in the weeds with toys when you could have me a grown man, not a boy to enjoy.

or shadow you around I won't dream for you I won't try to be your forevery dream come true If your special one ever hurts or deserts you I'm a sturdy tree to come to You can hold on to me til your pain is gone. The wind dies down there's a calm in the storm and your goals are in sight I'll be your second glance man, Your cuttin in, strong chance man,

That feelin right so wrong man, Will there be anything else you want ma'am Putting you to bed just right. Say the word I'll be your song and dance man tonight.

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Soul Train (Prelude)

Please don't sell me Soul Train how your express stopped runnin

Please don't sell me Soul Train how it used to come so right on time Please don't sell me Soul Train how you're out there funnin and a sunning and, please don't say to me I'm what you seek but cannot find

Cause, I'm your Soul Train

Let me show you my Sleepin car

I'm your soul train Best believe you've never been this far

I'm your soul train Steamin up and down your track

Like a soul train let me show you sumpthin step on back I said, please, don'tsell me Soul Train how you gone deep under cover Please, don't sell me Soul Train you changed salty water into wine Please, don't sell me Soul Train how you're pinin for another Cause I love how your woogie boogie's baby sendin shivers up and down my spine Shakah shakah soul train shabong shabong shebang shebang Shebang

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## Sounds Of Sire

If someday they'd address me With an 'E' after the Sir., , I'd first declare the Pope a girl Then I'd take the cure Wouldn't it be nice to call the Pontiff 'L'll Momma' for a change.

If I'm anointed King There'd be much to rearrange I'd stamp out mass corruption Let prisoners go free Lock zoo keepers down in public zoo's Where the animals could come and see I'd mate with every beauty who has ever caught my eye

No birds would live in guilded cages Mandate all junkies to stay high A leading elder statesman Oh, to be the boss of you It wouldn't be at all usual for Chuck to marry Drew If homosexuality doesn't stoke your fire Maids and maidens off to Royal chambers we'd retire If it should come to light my powers do indeed corrupt Please don't hesitate to tell me all about it Judas Krupps As for now I'll do my level best to get along with you Til Royal Guard with Royal Sword commence to run you through

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# 'Sprout'

A single Organic Russet Potato began to sprout roots at the very bottom of a plastic bag of potatoes sitting on my kitchen counter. Although, the runt of the litter 'Sprout' had tubors jutting out in all directions. amidst a minion of compliantly smooth potatoes. His roots became so persistent, they broke through the plastic. My first impulse was to fry all the others immediately, save an insurrection.. or maybe toss Sprout out, sealed in a zip locked trash bag. His relatives weighing heavily upon him seemed powerless to make Sprout understand his place. Maybe one out of countless thousands of Russets go on to be planted in a garden. Yet, Sprout didn't seem to know or care about any of that. He was evolving into a Potato plant. I felt conflicted, as I carefully, placed him on my cutting board. First paring 'Sprout, cutting out his eye then slicing him into bite-sized pieces, and shoveling his splayed parts into my frying pan thick with searing, hot cooking oil. I wondered if his brothers and sisters huddled safely in the bag, were mourning Sprout this Russet Individualist or were they gloating over his demise?

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Squishy Squashy Squish

I'm not lookin for no all the time thing. Just one night, 'tween the sheets, you and me. I hear you're booked up all the way through next week. Damn baby it's workin for you, it might work for me. Beam me up to where the Eagles see. Give me the bosses' daughter's discount, no charge, free Then, take me to the big show big show Where the too funny, sweet as honey, cash money people go. take me now, let's roll Don't you wanna go to the big show, big show Not the little people show, where the unfunny, no money, mouth runny people go. When my crock pot boils over and your whim whams look delish. It's time for treats You're quite the dish. Whether you rock it like that or you ride em like this. I'll swing for your fences and steal a kiss. because what we've got is a hit, a what's poppin production not to be missed. and it sounds a little like this. Squishy squashy squish.

## Starving For Words

Hit you up for a word donation? You see, I need words. Beef it up, keep it up kick it up sweep it up right on write off, I need a damn word. hack it, jack it

stack it, cold hard, smack it, brother, can you spare a word? May I squash a word for you like a cockroach under my boot Whip it like a vagabond in Babylon. brother, can you spare a word

slam it jam it cram it damn it Bring in a truckload full of words So, I may use them abuse them import to distort them sport or abort them In order to court almost any skeptical literary bird Can't you see how needful I've become in search of a delightful most frightful, insightful, brand spanking

new

word

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# Stay Out Of My Business

Stay out of my business, if you know what's good for you.

Suck on a lemon drop. Choke on a chocolate, here's two. If you get into my business, it's assured you'll only lose. Spreading vicious lies about me and calling it 'the news'. Your spy eyes won't be shining when I kick them black and blue. Stay out of my business or face relocation into deep outer space. Where a place setting has been reserved for you in Hades, Your Grace, and crow for you to eat on your stinkin plate. Stay out of my business, if you know what's good for you.

Buddy Bee Anthony

#### Stone Cold Blue

They got you Stone Cold Blue on the hot side of town Got them Rock n roll blues on the country western side of town Got them smokie tokin blues on the no tokin side of town

They gonna get you they got your number they got you stone cold blue.

You got them workin man blues on the kicked back side of town

You got them long haired hippy blues on the number two buzz cut side of town

You got them top hat blues on the ball cap side of town You know they gonna get you they got your number they got you stone cold blue You got them Florsheim blues on the flip flop side of town

You got them brunette blues on the blondie blonde side of town You got those dress shirt blues on the tee shirt side of town Got those starter jacket blues on the windbreaker side of town. They gonna get you they got your number they got you stone cold blue You got those hustler blues on the miltown side of town

You got them blue jean blues

on the Hagar slacks side of town got those backpack blues, on the fanny pack side of town You got them squirt gun blues on the shotgun side of town they gonna get you they got your number they got you stone cold blue

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# Stuck On Stupid

I want I want what I want, I want what I want when I want it. Must've lost a li'l shame along the way. Don't ask me my name, that's okay. Put down that book, and your dirty look I want what I want when I want it. Turn off the phone daddy's home. Give me what I want when I want it. Don't be talking your smack. We'll see what we'll see when the sizzle hits the rack. Your affection could provide me with much that I lack. Give in, give it up, don't make me come back. Climb over high fences to soak up some Sun, it'll be vears and some months since we've had this much fun. light up my specials don't quit til you've won what do you say, let's roll the dice if your numbers don't come up spark it up twice You're my kind of sinner, a whirlwind in bed. a lady at dinner, could enough ever be said. You bring the circus, I'll bring the bread. I must be stuck on stupid for you I'm on the hunt, like a bull snake in the grass. I've been spinnin in circles, til, I'm plumb outta gas. You're my curse or my cure the holy grail at last? It's why I'm stuck on stupid

what can I do. I'm really stuck on stupid for you.

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## Sugar Love

I've looked up and down the alley I have searched for you in school I have sniffed around them backstreets drivin truck 'n' eatin gruel. Can't you see, I'm not the Devil I ain't hurtin anyone Though I can't say why the love I've taken's been stolen on the run. I will search now and forever even write your name in blood

I'm just doin what I gotta do to find you Sugar Love

What if love's around the corner lyin just around the bend I'll keep waitin on tomorrow when today will never end Could it be you're some kind of woman/child givin misery a shove? I'm still doin what I gotta do to find you Sugar Love

I've tried followin your heartbeat I've been searchin like a fool I've done sniffed around them barrooms playin cards 'n' shootin pool If love's only for the lucky then watch me push and shove Until that day this good ole boy he finds you Sugar Love

By Vince Johnson and

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# Sun Road

You took it straight up the hard way I could tip my hat and that would be that. Until you came around next time and there's always a next time Like the time I went up there with you went back and skipped out and around with you. Connived, shucked and survived with you The times we rode out The Monster Took time outs from wicked, feverish clashes with unbridled time we almost drowned in the undertow awash in swift rapid rivers of time Times we made plans in archaic romance languages which long ago conquered our people. It wasn't our fault No banker would keep hours like this With trophy wife in residence picking at her food with throw-away dishes, and disposable dinners, served on consignment shopped furniture. An economy of forced nervous laughter Getting deep under the skin. long embarrassing pauses, and pre-nup clauses on speed dial to the ju ju man for your frightful jitters. Fingernails bitten down to the nubs Kill or you're fresh kill pinned to the mat. Down for the count How to mount a defense while biting down hard, tasting blood often your own

never tapping out or conceding

how The Sun Road has always led

back to you.

# Tell Me The Truth

If you don't want my kind slinkin around. if you want to push me around want to hold me back, run me down, Leave me cold and broken at the dog pound Lay it on me, lay it down, just tell me the truth. If you cringe at my sound wanna rough me up throw me to the ground. Lay it on me, lay it all down

You had me pegged as a mean gene But, I'm the bridge in your scene I re-invent the machine I'm the lay of your street the up in your beat a safe place to hide when you feel the heat

So, if you don't want my kind hangin round.

Lay it on me, lay it down wanna beat my body blue and bloody. up and down, forward my last known address to the lost and found. bury my busted bones six feet underground, Lay it on me lay it down just tell me the truth mister

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### **Terrible Two's Days**

Waitin on the day when your ships come in Mr. Marky's gettin snarky as your patience wears thin Cuttin back on the junk you smoke to ease your pain Up 'n' atom with coke fallin out on Night Train Don't you come 'round here no more cryin to me. When the DEA socks a lien on your SUV. I've heard you cry how rehab's for suckers or quitters. But, you've been hung out to dry by some heavy hitters. Stop ampin up on rocket fuel instead of regular gas. I won't be jumpin in no more to save your sorry ass. Ya best mix em up shake em down, take em or leave em. If this sounds a little like what you've been screamin. Holy tao. Piece of spit. Mother flunked Hot Jam Wait, that's not it. Holy Cow Piece of Shit Mother fucked God damned.

# That's How It Is To Grow Old

My face has more wrinkles than Johnny Unitas. my body's war-torn from osteo-arthritis I'm no longer multi-orgasmic, when I am aroused it's far from fantastic Women seem colder My life in a folder My skin's pock-marked brown as molass Neither bolder, nor wiser with no fortune to miser In a pinch, I possess little to flaunt

I get Senior discounts but that's not what I want

Wild hairs have begun sprouting from my ears and my toes Phlegm flows freely

from out of my nose I snore when I wheeze Doc more painkillers please That's how it is to grow old

If I could grow younger there'd be bounce to my step I'd break dance at parties be nobody's schlep Blue ribbons with bow ties your number one rep If I could grow young and not old

I'd take a brisk walk I'd go long I'd be stoked they wouldn't say hey Gramps where are you going' I wouldn't fumble around in some hospital gown sporting butt cheeks of cheese to be showing I beg you for mercy Lord to bring me back home Sidestepping the smells blast whistles, alarms and mind numbing bells the incessant screaming, and moaning the telephone's ringing as the charge nurse keeps singing while none of my family's showing

Up or down soon my soul will be flying I'm an expert on death Since, my friends are all dying Still the world keeps on turning while my stomach is burning

Am I some unholy relic who's terminally unique? What of these youth with fake smiles trudging through road weary miles I've often remained silent When I should speak Now that I'm older and paying less taxes Compound my interest with principle if it'll awaken the masses With tap dancing moves still in my step My time ain't quite over I've still got some pep I'm a groovy old shrew with a surprise left or two So consider giving me half a chance My only dilemma are delusions of grandeur and these delusions keep shitting their pants I'm not dead quite yet nor ready to fold

that's how it is to grow old

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### That's It And That's All

Is it particularly cruel or unkind to admit to possessing a larcenous mind I enjoy the feel how I do like to steal I peruse what's in stock then take what I find Slashing my sale prices past 90% off A step and a half ahead of the cops I admit, not everyone likes or agrees when I put 'the arm' on you and I squeeze But I must make a living Some people like giving I give you a headache hold the thank you and please You demand restitution you're throwing a fit

I can't help you my fences have already shipped

If it's not bolted to your floor or nailed to a wall

rest assured I'll stop by

to make a house call

Where I'll snatch and remove it you'll lose it I'll move it forget it that's it and that's all

# The Crematorium

It's two out in the bottom of the ninth inning here with nobody on base, here at the last train stop here at my home away from home at senior Citizen rent controlled housing. We feel lucky to have a one bedroom apartment. After withstanding two prior evictions without cause this housing arrangement may be the best we are able currently to do. Still, wouldn't we be fools not to hope for better? Our rent has risen not once, twice but three different times within the span of our one year lease for what little their paperwork's worth The women in our building have a long look dried out like stale fruit. they look tired and cynical, having onewould guess, life had taken too much from them. In making their last stand their personalities can be snappy, to unresponsive, to mysanthopic and anti-social. Life is tough on the block and so are many of them. Gruff, hardened, and mean, these broads ask you with their eyes what have you done for me lately You could wait a long time for a smile or a friendly hello. Friendliness is a sign of weakness They stomp up and back along our building's perimeter with min pins and other tiy approved dogs and their cigarettes. You may not find many congressional medal of honor heroes residing here. the scrappy rabble here casually mingle or have aged and toothless pimps and grifting river rats

following them around sniffing the bushes for cheese and other scatter. Some are step-relations who have picked up a pissed off look of disenfranchisement of subsidized housing recipients, most of whom are retired or more succinctly, professional paid non-workers. It's a jungle here with everyone vying for crumbs of trickle down some attention and recognition, if not respect. They exist, like many of us do, in the margins, blending in, with urban camouflage of hair and dress, donned in army green with casual blues. Everyone knows what they do and where they go You can see them shooting up at the train stop while the more industrious fly signs during daylight hours by the interstate highway off ramp These tramps must find somewhere to go at the end of their day A great number of them filter here to our building the elder orphanage Or as I am starting to call it 'The Crematorium.' We sponsor a lone, raccoon separated from his pack by injury or disease During the day he sleeps up in our tree trying without much success to valiantly fend off screeching crows and get some sleep He skulks in the low bushes at night He has become our new best friend here

We'd be breaking the rules by feeding him chicken at dusk if their were any rules Here at the last stop in the terminal for the coon and us, the forgotten the doomed It's easy to hope for better than this There's no freshly scrubbed, rosy cheeked kids skipping into town with promise and enthusiasm word has it, with substantially more market value than I How could I hope for a winning hand with a deck stacked with deuces The hallway walls of the crematorium are painted barren hospital institutional grey All they need to do is pipe in The Gestapo Radio Network and they'd have it all covered here. Their are handrails in the bathroom and the hallways, so we don't slip, and fall I suspect, more for their liability than for our safety I can barely squeeze into my bathtub The nice lady across the hall and one door down from us died last month from a failure to thrive She became very quiet and stopped eating or answering her door She was finally discovered after she was late on her rent. The police nor the coroner would comment but we knew the cause of her death The man living directly across our hall was taken shortly after she was. They whisked him away one day to a Veterans hospice We didn't see him again

We did see his furniture and his other accessories strewn about which were quickly gobbled up by hungry urchins Maybe half the folks living here are of very low income unemployable and on relief They pay maybe a third or a fourth of what we pay each month for rent Many are former old school vagabonds drug dealers, or mental hospital releases as comfortable being numbers as with their given names Many, who at one time were institutionalized at State or Federal holding facilities or remanded to prison farms Some will tell you how much more they like living here than there If you can listen they will talk They will tell you how their social worker takes them out to eat once a month or about the payee who's screwing them out of their allowance money They have us and we have them the only one's who will listen Here at the crematorium. If you haven't been on subsidized housing They assign you often times, to a moldy cockroach infested hole with a room key and forget about you My baby sister lives in Malibu California She lavishes on seven acres next to a wildlife preserve She lives on the very top of a mountain She has no neighbors An occasional helicopter passes overhead going to more populated areas. There is another property you can barely see about half a mile away or so

I visited her there it has an elevator and a security gate which opens and closes for guests driving in and out. The house is built into the side of the mountain and the estate sits right on top of an underground lake At night, you can see all the constellations and it's pin drop quiet I live about 35 yards from an Interstate Freeway separated from us by a high retaining wall next to our property line fence Mercifully, I live on the other side of the building facing the garden and the landscaped trees I get looted on occasion by the immigrant maintainance workers who sift in and out of here I leave my radio playing at top volume when I am gone Who can say if this tactic deters them They have keys to my apartment

Perhaps they feel I'm a fat cat American too weary and powerless to do much about it They may be right It's probably true I'm too worn down to buy a spy camera and place it on top of my refrigerator then wait them out so as to bust them with the evidence But waiting takes time they have plenty more time than I do I feel it could be penance payback for the things I stole from the elders when I was young scandalous, and all too cunning for words I don't begrudge my sister for having what she has she used to boldly declare when she was a child and she wanted something that she was told she couldn't have 'but I am entitled' Maybe that's the secret

to demand better then you get it But, the clock keeps ticking and I have a sneaking hunch if you live long enough time will make fools of us all

## The Devil's Beloved Details

I put a Gypsy curse on your Blackberry I speed dated your half sister and secretly filmed the event Then, sold it to a porn site Using those proceeds I took locksmithing classes to learn how to duplicate your house key

I then let myself in while you were away, and allowed your labradoodle full access to your swimming pool

My Rottweiler tore off her ears I spray painted, 'peace and free love' On your awnings and roof in the boldest of lettering in your favorite colors, of 'orange and black' Your lawn jockey is now a platinum club member of Save The Children and Greenpeace plus, as of today, you're a Black Tie Lifetime Member of the NAACP I enrolled you in every high interest rate credit card I could find Good news, you were 100% approved You now possess, on a first come, first serve basis, full off-season access to a luxury time-share condo in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

I had to hack into your business email account, to get you the windfall from this deposed King who is now in exile in Sri-Lanka He needed you to safely store his millions in your bank I hope you don't mind I shared with him your current mailing address social security number, unlisted phone number and your check routing numbers He just closed the deal I took a leak in your golf bag I bent your putter I told all the children in your neighborhood, you've been hoarding Orea Cookies I donated your garden gnome to a thrift store three towns away along with your hand stitched, silk, tailored, Brooks Brothers suits In exchange, they threw in a fine assortment of vintage polyester, leisure suits, in many rare, day-glo colors I shorted out your bug zapper I borrowed your F-350 Super-Duty spun super doughnuts in the Police Chiefs super torn up front yard You should have seen the special look on his face when I phoned it all in later on as an eye-witness I told the Vicar you only attend church because it looks good on your resume' I am enjoying unsafe sex with Your ex-wife and we plan to winter together using, as seed money, your generous alimony check I enrolled a kind, toothless older woman into the Delta Dental Plan sending you the bill for her first-years premium

- Did I forget to mention
- your priceless autographed
- Joe DiMaggio baseball
- now reads Jdel DEMMaggED

Have a nice day

### The Ties That Bind

As life goes on, time can surely sever the ties that bind us in sweet surrender. Once I was smitten by you and your skills

thrilling me through and through. dangerous, and forbidden fruit rendering a broken heart Some hearts don't heal once they're broken If it's any comfort to you know the comfort in this: I'll be there when the ground underneath your feet has shifted.

If your rock-solid position is ever tested. when embargo's are one day lifted My love will appear with the bang of a gun I'll put the cork in your bottle. When it's all said and done So down your periscope with your submarine Your heavy artillery will not again blow my true heart to smithereens. What could we do with this heartache for two. I once was hooked like a junkie on juice. My eyes are wide open. I'm no longer a fool for sassy, sweet silly all cuddly you.

Buddy Bee Anthony

#### The View At 62

I run my bath water tepid I'm older but fairly intrepid Since I've turned 62 what on earth can I do but to laugh at it all Do I entertain you?

Though not old enough for the rest home It's been whispered I resemble a garden gnome My spirit bleeds silly My veneer is blanched pilly I'm growing old what a drag when I date I go stag Young women and old must think I have mold I barely get noticed So what's the red flag? I've even considered renting rut stags But men too would use me they'd hurt and abuse me then toss me away like some toothless old nag

Once again I have been reviewing the Tao It instructs me to dwell in the here and the now But, now my skin isn't pink I smell like a skunk what a stink

Like the cancer it has traveled to my toilet and sink

A stealthy stench of which it's a bitch

you don't need a de-coder to uncover the odor I'm slowly decaying I'm dying I think!

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#### The Work Song

I hate to work I don't want your job Not gonna play your fool be a corporate cog I don't want no promotion Ms. Not gonna learn the biz What don't you understand Ties leave marks around my neck to beat the band

I might as well admit it

my life's alot cooler without a job in it Ladies and men Let me say it again I hate to work Got somethin important on your mind no matter how terrific

Only fault they gonna find at that they are prolific You can't smoke a cigarette at work can't hum any happy tunes Folk breathin all the way down your neck Day never end too soon

Learnin how to make my money, without punchin a clock wearin a geeky haircut and actin funny. I hate to work. If it's not for free. It's not for me, honey you can keep your dirty money. Computer down, computer up race car folk rushin up and back with the red flag.

Coffee colder in your cup, Jack, what a drag. It's why I hate to work don't want your job rather be sittin by the swimming pool sippin somethin sweet just me and you. not gonna cut my hair cause, I'm strictly wash and wear. I hate to work. Won't be fillin out no applications Won't see me leafin through no classifieds Doctor you can skip the blood pressure medications to get a job everything about me'd have to be bold face lies. That's why I hate to work." ladies and men, I'll say it again. I hate to work. Won't be pushin wet greasy mop buckets sorry bossman about your job I'm gonna have to take a pass and chuck it. I hate to work Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Friday, Saturday

Here comes another long busman's holiday. Six ah one a half dozen of the other. Don't need more bossy ladies tellin me what to do already got me too many mothers. Please don't make me work too hard for the money, sonny. I'm not working your lands nor plowin your fields I wont be shakin no hands or cutting done deals stayin up real late won't hesitate to take another day another week another month another year another fine decade off from work.

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# Tic Tic Tic

Tic tic tic

Options we hear

Tic tic Tic

Options we tell

Tic tic tic

The truths we buy

Tic tic tic

The truths we sell

Tic tic tic

A little closer to heaven

Tic tic tic

A little closer to hell

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## Tide To Turn

Caught the late flight from Cincinatti, down to Tallahassee, to soak you up a little bit 'o' Sun. Now, my minutes feel like hours, it's been drainin all my powers waitin on my honey bun. I'm faithfully awaitin. I'm right here waitin,

I'm waitin on that tide to turn since you up and went away I count each and every day I've been waitin on your tide to turn With your dynamite figure damn girl really pull that trigger. you're just way too much fun

It's why I'm waitin and I'm gone.

I'm waitin and I'm gone. I'm waitin and I'm long, long, gone. I wanna ride vour silver bird free fallin from blue skies. Not suckin hard on rum and smoke at this do drop gettin by and by. That's why I'm waitin. I'm patiently awaitin, I'm waitin on your tide to turn. since your plane it is a landin my heart is barely standin I'm out here waitin on my turn I'm not waitin on some flop. not sittin by no musky, river I'm right here waitin on the turn. What chu waitin on. it' 2017 in the Spring

the Pope's resigned it's the end of the world. Let me ask God to make your little dreams come true. Still here waitin and I'm gone With odds runnin slim to none. I'm right here waitin on that tide to turn.

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### Tmt

Trick Mother Trucker Don't expect she'll recover not tryin very hard to get well Your worst nightmare the Devil's part-time lover with her junk at twice the price to sell got you tied up on the phone G paging you from hell put a case on you with enmity bad news driftin in double trouble comin after she's all in and under your skin like a nuclear disaster Trick Mother Trucker Liquifies your solid life breaking you with false hope and spring wine Her calling card in black and red clearly states 'your ass is mine'

She'll boast how it's her domain your brand new digs her world of pain She'll ride your rails til you get the rickets down on bloody hands and knees and trembling in the thickets She carries a shiv in the dark you're not just another number you're her next mark Feasting on your bones like a hunk of Almond Joy With a wallop in her satin gloves Meet the pavement bo-bo boy Trick Mother Trucker Messing with your heart and mind is how she makes her living.

breaking wills and blowing minds of that she keeps on giving

heard the news she was raised by shrews take a number pick a card you can hardly lose Won't you sample her made to order Lady 'Liberty' dime. Your cell mate reminds you take life one day at a time. While you're rotting in a cage Doing hard time for her crimes

Your world's been shot to hell

crying 'Lord I've got the blues Better quit your belly achin or you'll meet Ms. Steel Toed Shoes Your head ain't right, you want revenge You had to play a player who sold too high your alibi to another guy of your complaints she's unaware You pitch a bitch hell, she don't care and one more thing she was never there Trick Mother Trucker

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# To See Without Seeing.

Every day, I get driven up a steep mountain road. A dirt road having no shoulder, driven by the same silent black man. Every time I take his high bus ride up the visibility getting worse. The last time rode up there he was navigating his bus in total fog. It looked like someone had washed our windows You could see nothing but a thick fog. I had to scrape up any self control I had left to restrain myself from screaming we are all going to die. Everyone else on the bus is either sleeping, reading or deeply engrossed in something occupying their attention distancing them from our imminent peril.. I find myself praying to my estranged God. Cold rivulets of sweat are beading down my forehead. How can this bus driver see the road ahead of us I pray this is a bad dream It has to be it must be but it seems so real. It's clear lives are hanging only by the thin thread of our bus drivers bird sense keeping his bus from careening off the edge of the slope to go off the cliff, and crash at the bottom of the mountain Him and his passengers assuredly crushed then burnt to a crisp at canyon's bottom. Mercifully, we make it steadily rising to the summit. We get off the buss arriving to a plush college that could pass for a fortune 500 flagship headquarters Everyone's well groomed, in their animated routines. some are multi-tasking chatting each other up

in languages I scarcely understand I have no classes to attend. nor any job to go to. I know not a soul.

And yet, there's an odd familiarity about this place

There must be some reason for me to be here and vet my purpose for being there is cloudy. It has something to do with cars. Everybody else seems to have pretty good knowledge why they're there. Prisoners are in shackles there being transported by their jailers. Am I part of some secret experiment. a double blind experiment in a sub-set with others who have little clue why they're up here. Maybe asking why is the wrong question. Every day when I awaken I eat, dress then venture up the mountain by bus. My energy is spent on finding something to do or someone to talk with, my mind searching for anything to connect with something up there to put off going back down the mountain on the black man's bus navigating through soupy fog. While on the summit I have new problems. First, I have to empty my bladder but, today they seem to have hidden the men's room. I could go outside and urinate secretly in some off and away bush or search for a bathroom. There's plenty of women's restrooms but no men's room anywhere in sight.

Finally, I discover a lone men's

bathroom in an obscure corner of a side corridor, off one of the many hallways in this huge complex. Every room and hallway has labeling marked for usage but all the rooms look like the last one. There is a honeycombed mono-architecture as if designed for honey bees instead of for people. As I start to relieve my bladder. I realize I am also orgasming and as I pull up my shorts. At that moment, a lithe, in shape, and well coifed, snappily dressed young blonde woman approaches me grabs my head on both sides and starts kissing me sloppy and hard on the mouth. She has a white bandage which passes for an arm band wrapped all around her elbow She seems feminine, but, I have had a long and treacherous day and I am fresh out of romance for the day. The more contact I have with her the less lady like she appears to be I can see she's a woman. Long hair, clear complexion sleek, tall, thin. But, there's a hard, calculated coldness to her. I feel a little chill co-mingling with her like 'Carrie' lined up against the evil prom gueen She is a different kind of animal. She has the rare aire about her of 'I've been around don't even try to comprehend my essence.' An associate clues me in how she is a successful bookie I have a thing for danger. If there is someone who is Her profession fascinates me more than her kissing I ask her what it's like bookmaking for a living? Although, she's drawing me in,

She draws the line when discussing this topic with me at least not now, here in public I bypass subtle hints she's giving me to change I press on with questions anyway. Her body language is now screaming to keep my voice down to a whisper or change the subject At which point she gets annoyed enough with me I fear she might hurt me. Still, my curiosity keeps me on course with a straight line of questioning She finally puts distance between us.

Soon, I get back on the danger bus heading down the precarious mountain road again with the same black bus driver who can see without seeing.

# Toddler

She's the hottest little treat. Sweet and petite, She thinks that I'm neat. she's my toddler. she gets what she wants or she'll cry on about what I haven't done for her lately I love and adore my tragically defenseless gorgeous lovely empress of a toddler When she's not around I feel shredded through and through not much I can do about the junk I'm on the glue that's you You're front page news You want what you want and you wants it all now So,I have to lie to you toddler To keep flying high in the sky with you, my adorable toddler. I'll have to soon cover my bets Swoon how she's deplorable shredding all my nets. with jungle love that brings me to my knees She's my burden, she's my bain How my third best friend is insane She can be charming she stinks baby sweet. She's my toddler and she thinks I'm neat A precocious most dangerous child of the street She'll turn your world upside down when she can't steal all yours mine and what's left of the towns.

Still I jones for the high off this wiggle wormed half baked pie I need her She's front front page news cryinher eyes out with her soft baby blues all I know is I adore what most moms and dads abhore. I got it bad for her it's too real when her terrible twos fall asleep at the wheel Be careful of what you wish Crawling on your knees to this toddler dish Got those terrible twos I got those toddler blues

# Too High

There's too little I find in this world to call mine Mission marked incomplete memos in triplicate crank it up, flip the switch put 'er there Lost foot notes in dead files Skip traced to green miles Word on the street stinks like yesterday's meat Chalk it up to meteor flares Stamp the tag jot it down sign right there throw the flag bait the bears it's official nobody cares But, I never want to look in your eyes and see a blank stare is there anybody in there up there out there be there don't nobody care? That's why I came back one more time to put my best hexy, sexy, voodoo, hypsy, Gypsy, pick-up rhymes on you because you're so fine about blows my mind all the plans we could've made fell through I can't lie You're the apple of my eye I tried to quit you but

I get a nasty junkie's flu just got toasted, triple roasted about a second ago or two on Gorilla Glue with Tommie, Bobby and Drew I could barely walk or talk or crawl to you I was droolin too That all night dance one time chance for romance fell through between me and you Because I was just too high won't you get high like I get high one time honey you might enjoy the view. I was higher than the furthest star in the sky that's pretty high I was just to high for you There's so little I find in this world to call mine Mission marked incomplete memo's in triplicate I cranked it up I flipped the switch and put er there Still lost footnotes in more dead files Skip traced to greener miles word on the street still stinks like yesterday's meat Chalk another on up to meteor flares... Stamp the tag, jot it down Sign right there throw the flag bait the bears It's confirmed

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Buddy Bee Anthony
## Train Man

Train man blows his cold whistle For anyone there. He's bootin it home. For the late, late, show. Hunkerin down where God only knows. Hear him blow his old whistle ya know. Sippin black java joe. Runnin hotter to go. Tribute to the train man. One sane man working the company plan the best that he can

Buddy Bee Anthony

#### **Trickle Down**

How could Smarty Jones lose at the Belmont Stakes Around the final stretch looked like dirty money had their jock put on the brakes 35-1 Birdstone, shot down Smarty's Triple Crown Ronnie Reagan cashed in his last trickle down how's your trick, trick trickle down trick tricklin down now How's your trick, trick, trickle down trick tricklin down now

How does it taste

How do you like the feel eatin your greasy, home cooked trickle down meal Tell me, how's your trick, trick trickle down trick Tricklin down. How's your trick, trick trickle down trick tricklin down now

Back in the day we were livin large makin money hand over fist Closin down the bars like superstars pin striped suits gold cuff-links

spit shined shoes When HMO's swept through all my pops and me could do was sell used cars Job prospects were now slim and none for my father and his son Tell me how's your trick, trick trickle down trick tricklin down now how's your trick, trick trickle down trick trickle down trick tricklin down for you now

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Trouble

don't get me in no trouble Put me in the hamster bubble when you need it on the double I don't need no trouble no trouble like this

Not hangin out here lookin for trouble I'll put a stick in your eye if you're lookin for trouble It's a filthy damn lie I'm lookin for trouble I feel hard put when I smell trouble I run a couple yards kick when I foresee trouble Move forward and stick When trouble makes its rounds to come callin on you Here's what I suggest you try and do walk around it when trouble comes at you hard and quick. hip roll, shuck, fade out, stack a pick. Smooth move em with an old school jail house trick Lock that devil down. Heah, crack that whip and say we ain't flyin nor buyin no trouble like this

Buddy Bee Anthony

### **Uncool In School**

Trippin over scuffed brown saddle shoes Flippin coins, I'd always lose. My sisters read my diary When the girls would flirt I'd have to pee It's hard to be uncool in school verv hard in school to be uncool Organically forever shy with tangled hair that's me oh my Sittin in a chair that doesn't fit Tried to talk but could only spit My friends, they call me 'Cousin It' It's hard to be uncool in school very hard in school to be uncool My parents prayed that I would leave But, all I'd do was eat and heave Sittin cross-eyed in my little room where I'd contemplate my doom and gloom It's hard to be uncool in school Very hard in school to be uncool They hoist snug underwear over my head When the girls say hi I wish I was dead.

all the other kids'd stop gasp and stare, See, I don't go much of anywhere. It's hard to be uncool in school Very hard in school to be uncool My secret crush has turned out gay

At prom we haven't much to say We watch the pretty girls dance anyway How could my life turn out this way It's hard to be uncool in school Very hard in school to be uncool I won't shower with the other boys and girls Have no diamond rings, studs, or cultured pearls I'll give you just one wild guess you got it man I'm one sad mess It's hard to be uncool in school Very hard in school to be uncool If now or once you were uncool I dedicate this one to you Don't get angry, don't feel blue just cuz I remember you yes I do when you were uncool in school too.

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### **Undercover Best Seller**

When I write my best seller it will hack into your brain with the force of a terminal email virus It will be your guiltiest pleasure like an after dinner bootleg Quaalude My best seller will grab you like a Hillary/Trump hairdo My magnum opus will break out your windows and bust through your security door. My book will bait your hook like breaking news. So inspired by my best seller you'll hold a silent vigil until the sequel. It will crack into your sensorium with the force of hail one half inch in diameter and will again part the Red Sea Every word will describe precisely what I intended to solidify my arguments. My best seller will back into your yard like a chemical spill disturbing, and testing your limits with the fresh vantage point of a revolutionary political movement My writings will rest assured be controversial as Jihad but thinking people will like bobble heads nod in silent agreement to it's relevance and charm Yes, my best seller will jar you like an oil train derailment and thus be banned in at least 35 foreign countries. My chapters will shred your environmental safety quotient like a million gallons of Agent Orange dumped on your organic vegetable garden. My premises will flatten your illusions like a screeching freak at a Frank Zappa concert. My sentences beating at your side door like a rabid homeless bum. With an iron fist It will K.O. you with meaning Deluge you as much as a cyber thief skimming your bank account. My best seller will punch you in your solar plexus so you can't catch your breath forcing an abandonment of your social safety net like a nuclear disaster melting down in your zip code. My subtexts will be pandemic as Monsanto GMO corn. while intoxicating you more than high grade, illicit, recreational marijuana.

Intellectuals and laymen alike will quote snippets of my book for millennium in lieu of Shakespeare and John Donne who will no longer seem as relevant as what I have written about your lives. After reading my best seller more young scholars will drop out of grad school move to the high country to live in Ashrams and communes Soldiers, errant assassins, Rednecks, and big game hunters will turn over their weaponry to take vows of silence, and poverty others will go on prolonged heart wrenching hunger strikes Do you now better grasp the paramount importance of finishing my best seller

### Underworld Garden Of Dreams

What's it gonna be next time around, Ms. Turnaround, when your world's spinnin round 'n' round. Love or money love or money love or money, honey. You've been rushin off too fast to your funny money man woman man woman man You're getting too friendly with them tin horn fellas A little too cozy with their automated tellers. Now, show me and I'll show you. Show me and I'll show you. Show me then I might just show you a trick or two a trick or two A hip slick quick pick trick or two. You never said thank you when they said please. If your shit is all together Why's your shit all in your jeans. So show me and I'll show you show me

and I'll show you, show me then maybe baby I might just show you a trick or two Before they dig us a six foot hole to rest our weary mortal souls Give us one improper. proper eulogy. Come on down all the way down to my underworld garden of Dreams with the other girl and her thundercurl what a wonderwhirl. Come on down all the way down to the underworld garden of dreams. Before they hand you a crap filled double latte and say here's your hot

chocolate sugared cream. Come down all the way down to my underworld garden of dreams When your best laid plans are somebody else's splayed out pipe dreams and schemes. Remember to come down all the way down one time, with me to my underworld garden of dreams

Buddy Bee Anthony

## Unlike You

I don't work like you. I don't play like you. I don't talk or stalk my prey like you. I don't go in for the kill, seize the day, or chill like you. I don't smell like you. I don't pull water from the well like you. I don't hurt like you nip and tuck, then hit the dirt like you. I don't smoke like you. I don't go for broke then choke like you. Ain't cuttin dirty deals like you. Not stealin or wolfin down eight course meals like you. I don't fold em or stay like you and I don't run or walk away like you.

Buddy Bee Anthony

# Untitled

You're beautiful, but are you complete I thought by now we'd meet. it could be discreet. You're always so beautiful. who could compete, with your look on the street. you're crazy beautiful. I remember when you were all questions and no answers. Just a gangly kid with braces on your teeth. I cared enough to set you free. who could put a frown on your smile With odds stacked high against you still, you landed on your feet surpassing the rabble by a country mile God, you're beautiful. Flower child. beautiful to me in word and deed It's so hard to feed a flower child in need. It's hard to free the flower child in me. Take heed of the flower child in need. It's hard to be a flower child indeed.

I do believe you could free the flower child trying to break out inside of me

Buddy Bee Anthony

### **Upside Your Money**

Hooray, You look so God awful good like the Shakespeare play much a doin on and on about nothin all day. A real shaker and a mover. You out shadowboxed Hoover Calling all available cash machines in thigh high cowboy boots and faux ripped faded blue jeans First responder on the scene One day Somebody's gonna kick you hard in your money It's too damn hard to find a way to get close to you I'd really rather there was a plan b or an option number 2 than to kick the black and blue tar out of you.

Right through your uprights an extra point too Why shouldn't I take a crack at you. Aren't you right on time to strike another curious spurious pose dance like Li'l Egypt at all your right and wrong shows tearin it up on the dance floor and curlin everyone's toes it might do you some good to be slapped oops upside your money.

If that's what I gotta do

to make my best first impression on you I'm putting you on notice If there be no other avenue To the treasure map leading to you Even if it's all fools game. I still want to play fly off to new places far far away Take you places the other boys can't take you to Make all our never never land pipe dreams come true Many years from now when we're in the rest home eating sandwiches made of swiss cheese, with bologna We'll have memories they can't take away from us when our hands are cold and boney. Let it be me, to kick you in your option three Elect me to lighten your mother lode we'll feel our way to the heart of the golden road Your trust fund money will cure all our ills we'll test all limits pop a few pills I'll bring my money pitch you bring your trust fund Your man about town of leisure no doubt. With your money I can run all the bases and strike the other teams out. what's all your money for live in the now, soon enough your step relations will be spending all your money like a bloated cash cow When we're dead and gone in the amber of the evermore. I won't lie to you anymore I won't be untrue to you my favorite flavor of terrible twos

don't make me search in all the alleyways for option number two Because you're first to responder on the scene In thigh high cowboy boots, faux ripped designer jeans. Before you drain all available cash machines hold still, that's it, while I kick you right in your money markets honey. Kick the gold stuffing right out of you. We can go on a long vacation, me you and your money If you will it I'll lease to own the brightest stars and put on layaway the fullest moon To find an option two, to get up real close to you There must be some other way to get through. Some other choice than to knock the regal stuffing out of you

Buddy Bee Anthony

## Very Straight Line Winds

What keeps you awake at night? is it that you are faintly aware how I loathe your unholy stench The drafty coat of arms that is you. Sure I have cheerily smiled and played my role of opening or closing doors for you serving your chilled vichisoisse and your gluten-free tempura batter over foi groise how easy life flows on for you cryin your crococile tears into a Latte whipped cream shake. All the people you had to do with your act one and your act two. I see the lurking trickster deep inside you Can you see the roadmap of a well travelled life written on my face and the tattoos springing hot from my insides I can hate and I can thrust pins in your voodoo doll I'll find someday, some way to tear down your walls You will bow and maybe crawl Until you know what hate looks like You know what pains feels like So, come in for your hard landing It's my goal to be there when you fall.

With you Ms Blackball I shouldn't play. If Mr. Blackball finds we're stepping out on him I'll put him in a squeeze play, thundershaking the tornadic maelstrom outta him into the curvature of some very straight line winds.

# Violated

Have you seen Godot today We were supposed to hook up but, I guess he may have split on me. I'm 18 cents short of a coffee refill No way, I'm no home bum I'm a starving artist, actually I don't have sex for money Unless you're really cute and you give me hard cash up front I'm not clockin what's cookin are you hookin I know you ain't no innocent bystander lookin Stick around I might need a witness for an alibi because there's no tellin what I might do if I can't get no satisfaction Do you know where my peoples went I almost have enough to get my van out of impound A tow truck took it and what's worse my dog was in the back seat Bummer huh I'm trying to get my Vicodin prescription refilled before I use my bus ticket back home to Greenbow Alabama That reminds me I have to first see my worker and get a new I.D. My old one was in my backpack when it was stolen I ain't got nobody that I can depend on Can I get a ride from you to pick up my drum It's in storage on 356th Street North East Come on, it's not that far away less than an hours drive My band has a gig

and I'm out of luck if I don't get over there today to straigten things out My ex-ole lady says she would lend me enough for my storage fee Well, most of it anyway. Could we stop over there first

'If shit cost money you wouldn't have any' that's a good one did you make that up Are you reading my mind You're psychic, aren't you Say, can you spare a nugget a warm place to crash a shower anything Can I change my socks over there Do you have an extra towel Can I sleep in your car tonight

I need to talk with your notions department manager Then, can you direct me to your service department I have a cash return slip but I think I left it in your lost and found It's supposed to save the children make a wish foundation and mascara Didn't you say 12 items at your express check out line

I get my food stamps tomorrow or the day after

Can I throw some of your milk into my Captain Crunch cereal Scored a twinkie I found it in one of my utility pockets Half for me and half for you It's a little smushed in the middle Here, you pick the side you want How about a toot of that that was pretty good stuff

but I don't want to get too amped up It's been stepped on pretty hard dude just sayin Can I have one more blast for the road I'm going to remember you bro for everything you've done for me What did you say your name was again No, that's not it How about if I name you I think you look like a Dino to me you remind me a little of my grandfather His name was Dino He was really mellow even though he was an old, wrinkled up dude Can I call you Dino from now on Has anyone ever told you you look like Ron Jeremy the porn star Wait, more like Jerry Garcia trouble ahead, trouble behind... you splittin then Are you going to finish your burrito awesome

I'll toss your wrapper out for you

when I am finished eatin it

ok

Yo is that powdered sugar on your nose or cocaine Can I lick that off Hey girl yeah I'm talkin to you lookin pretty fine for your age Do you think you and your ole man could spare a nickel or a dime for the hung and the restless Free hugs Let me whisper in your ear I really need another beer WHAT? You have too pretty of a mouth to use language like that... Where can I buy a Maker's Mark Sour close by where I don't get gawked at by the Gay staff looking at me like they're seeing some exotic zoo animal

Hey bring that camera back over here right now If you want to take pictures of me you'll have to register as a sex offender Ha ha

You're not lookin for discount A.A. batteries are you I really like your ring Would you trade it for a monthly bus pass come on it's good all month long It's an all you can ride handicapped pass Just limp onto the bus or pretend you're blind why not it's a good deal It's only the 16th

Can I buy some of your urine How much would you charge me for it It's 'cause my new probation officer needs me to bring in a clean sample or I'm totally violated

Buddy Bee Anthony

### Vortex

Your money mavens with tax-sheltered havens. Accountants budgeting in new advertisement promo's with seductive loss leader specials on pre- holiday markup it's as close to seductive you probably want to go this fashion season.

Main thrusts invading target markets placed just upwind of the vortex.

The vortex is where you'll be fed a late risers moldy bread. no table, couch, shower or bathroom nor smart, hearty ladies to tuck you snugly into bed. Where one star accomodations is a bottomless chasm grabbing your ass with both hands the ass you still can't find.

They tell you your problem is with your mother who married your daddy who robbed Peter to pay Saul then was hastily picked clean by his Devil's advocate. now you've got no game as you circle the drain. of the dank, dark depths of the vortex Hooray, for you who tally the score. Burning the dead then killing some more Men in black suits and felt hats are paid to pound the truth into you. RX on auto-refill for the pain of birthing more day tripping teenaged wasteland cannon fodder legions of tuned out emancipated dream teen future run aways skipping into hope sucked bottomless pits hungry and on the skids joining

more band camp drop outs taking their death march to the wood chipping vortex. Pluck a strings attached trophy wife with a side order of Miltown from her family circus to assuage workaholic men of their canyons of sorrow parcels of grief oceans of treacherv From those aeons of unwritten laws grandfathered in by step-relations Laws on parchment skewed to win through attrition Laws keeping you out Laws where your side can't win killing competition behold, the evening news designed to turn stomachs and disrupt sleep patterns blowing minds, frazzling nerve endings bringing cloven feet closer to the vortex a stones throw from safe gated communities, and discounted Cubano Cigars and so very dressed up for success wearing pin striped, suits modern armor of grey or blue with a blood red tie overlording battlefields where white means right and money is might

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# Vulture Clan

On my tombstone, and I am saving up for it to be specially engraved, I want it to say nobody really listened to me until after I was dead. and then on the bottom of my headstone, in somewhat smaller letters I'll have it carved, thank you for finally listening... I get a recurring dream involving a highly competitive boyhood acquaintance Sammy Skar. often visits me in a dream telling me my money is no good reminding me his money is the genuine article. This is the first kid whose seemingly well to do father gave us a 20 dollar bill so we kids could have fun at his country club. Amounting to a bribe exchanging spending time with us for cash. That's a general theme of my story having little to do with the elder I also awaken in a cold sweat with nightmare how I'm playing beat the clock having been left in the dust by the soul crushing rat race. Lost in a hopeless game of catch up. First off, I don't know how to really utilize a smart phone I could turn one on and press numbers and probably hit send, talk, or even figure out texting other than that, I am guite technologically illiterate. What is an app? It used to mean application. At least I know the derivative of what it is. Some day, in this new fangled world, I will ask for all the help I need but not today. I should feel uneasy about not being able to do things most people today have mastered To my credit, I do drive a car, but driving makes me nervous. Everyone on the road seems to be moving faster than I am. My getting older

isn't an excuse I can use to get my car insurance rates lowered even while periodically taking a safe driving course

I guess, a good place to start this story is with my father's mother. I would listen to her go on about me and my younger sister. How as a small child

my sister used to call me Gaia because she couldn't quite say Gary. That's my birth name and since I didn't pick it, I consider it my slave name. My mother named me after an actor

from the fifties named Gary Cooper. A Popular and good looking man who seduced, who then broke women's hearts quite thoroughly, which was a quality supremely endearing to my romantically inclined, mother.

The only problem I had with Mr. Cooper, was his first name Gary. I have yet to see any of his films nor will I see them any time soon I'd like to admit with a clear conscience I had a warm loving family life In my family true love was at best, considered a weakness. A character flaw, a lark, based in unreality. not to be taken serious enough at crunch time for daughter or son On the contrary, marriage was serious business, a formal arrangement ritually picked through pedigree, religious affiliation, and financial prospects. no kismet, forget any magical mystery tour, or que' sera sera waltzing into uncharted waters. I went fishing with my dad. There were birthday parties and and a few short vacations, and gatherings. I don't recall there being any noodle salad I write this so I might remember more.

Although, some memories are exhausting and

may be best to forget. We were fed meat, potatoes, pastries, fish, fruit, good bread occasionally some grape wine, brewed by my grandfather. My uncle was a master baker. Generally, however, it was a vultures feast not so much a celebratory one. Every bird for themselves Food was love in my family. My cousin used to jet to Colorado just to bring back Coors Beer. One way to make him go into a rage was to drink one of his beloved beers. I have spotty memories about his beer or any beer. One memory I do have, was after waking up from a nap in New York's Central park, a cold Rolling Rock Beer was left unopened next to my head. Another curious mystery was I don't recall ever witnessing my grandmother pick up any food and actually chew, then swallow it. but grams was always chewing or sucking on something. Like a candy, a fig. or avocado pit, She might have been able to dissolve an avocado pit with sucking jaws in under 42 minutes. She'd be working on dissolving a candy, while boiling, baking, or frying foods to feed her family. mostly in shifts. The first family of vultures would come over and then the subordinate flock would swoop in. We engaged the other vulture clan in competition for resources. They were the first tier vulture clan in competition for grandma's food, approval and attention I was part of the second tier vulture clan. I often didn't know what delicacy I had missed out on. Maybe that was a good thing.

Because my eldest male cousin one of the bigger vultures from the first vulture clan swooped in first snagging much or all of the good stuff before I had any chance to taste it. My dad had a soft spot for my eldest male cousin being the first born grandchild and my father's nephew. I felt pangs of jealousy how dad favored him taking my cousin out to eat footing the entire bill. My cousin would take great and full advantage by ordering a New York Strip Steak, Crab and Lobster tail. All with a wink and a nod, my dad, would pick up the bill, silently assenting his approval of his nephew's gluttony. It was an inside joke of some kind. An acceptable hazing of my dad all in fun for them both. My cousin was the rare person dad enjoyed and even encouraged to take full advantage of his hospitality, and even crack wise with him. Taking bold liberties I certainly couldn't get away with My cousin was fifteen years my senior He was a pharmacist who owned a pharmacy next to a huge medical clinic in town. It was rumored he prescribed for my dad Darvon for insomnia Delaudid for pain, really hooking my old man making him even more unpredictable. My cousin was greatly respected, loved and most importantly listened to as well as validated by everyone in both clans. He enjoyed top tier status with my dad They were both good hustlers both able to turn a respectable dollar Dad would give our resources freely to him. Maybe they had other arrangements I wasn't privy to. It became customary for him to sponge three main courses

off pop at one sitting. while we got half orders of fried rice, egg drop soup and half an order of egg roll. There were rules in my family, Rules kept and rules meant to be broken. Grandma had her favorites too The most chosen being fed first and most lavishly. The lesser creatures like me got hard candy

and if we were lucky something brought down from the ice box with freezer burn Whatever may have been left behind by the older vultures in vulture clan number one My dad was always going to get top billing because he was grandma's only son. the rest of us rabble didn't stack up so high on the family pecking order. Until you'd win the power ball lottery, , married a tycoon, or became a captain of industry You were sure to be passed over like a song hardly ever played on the 'b' side of a hit 78 record Don't get me wrong, we didn't starve.

My mother made boiled chicken four times a week,

sometimes fully cooked through.

She could burn a mean pot roast.

Fortunately, I became addicted

to her apology regarding the foods

she abused.

I expected a little burn around the edges.

I would eat salted shoe leather

if I had worked up a proper appetite.

In fact, I didn't find out until I was in my 30's

you could actually stuff

boiled soft dough filled pastry

with anything other than ricotta cheese

Basically Ricotta filled Gyoza

always dipped in sour cream.

It was revelatory to me how you could fill them with meat veggies, chicken, Shrimp, dip them in pasta sauce, peanut sauce, soy sauce, duck sauce, blue cheese, ranch. Really! 'Examining damage imposed on me from any imprinting done to my father by his mother. Pollyanna must leave the building. Her hand that rocked dads cradle ruled our world. There was collateral damage left in her wake. The family mythology was she was a saint. You talk to some in my family and she walked on water. but clearly, she did harm and could even be described as a whip me, beat me, scar me parent to my father. I suspect I was destined to be a byproduct of a slow moving avalanche of family tragedy The progeny of roving bands of passionate though, misguided old world, pack animals. Yet, here I am many years later, mostly intact, and able to write about it. My family in their rush to assimilate traded in peace of mind for the promise of shameless advancement. Rules were meant for others to follow. Work hard enough and you get your pass to break the rules. The new world they found themselves what did it matter who got hurt in the dance, they were going to get their victory lap. With enough money, everyone bends to your will fears you and can be coerced to look the other way while you break all the rules of the game. Making your own rules meant freedom and innovation. This power dynamic was their survivors manual. It was a force that irresistibly drew my family into it's lair. in hindsight more often than not creating a perfect storm, a recipe for ruin. Money was held up to be greater than God or country.

I would bet when my father showed his father the first dollar he ever made My grandfather often said to my dad don't forget to keep putting money away in the bank.

I think my dad was putting money away since he was old enough to stand a proficient hustler, and master salesman He ran deliveries, sold widgets, mowed grass, was an errand boy He had his fingers in different little pies from a very early age.

My father loved his comic books. That was his biggest indulgence.

He had what turned out to be a really prized collection of 30's and 40's comics which he protected in plastic storage sleeves. Tucked away from his father's eye just outside the realm of any bank books. He traded comics with other neighborhood kids Dad may have relieved his peers of their most prized comic books by playing marbles with them He was a champion marble player

He earned money hustling odd jobs, around the neighborhood. A rosy cheeked spanky and our gang looking kid in fact that was pops nickname growing up, 'Spanky' I feel my grandmother told him American women will only spin him around dizzy then break his heart. The only woman who actually broke his heart may have been his dear old mom. She pulled off her coup when he came home after two years at war in Korea on active duty in the army infantry. When he came home she had already given away all his comic books. She casually placed them on the curb, letting anyone passing by to have at them. When my father finally confessed to me this family secret it didn't endear me any closer to my grandmother. That is what people did, according to her they made sacrifices as she had birthing him while coming to America perhaps, she felt it was her gift to him an essential grown up's lesson for him to learn. What could he do, his mother considered him a grown man now, his more innocent comic book years now behind him Still, I consider this a betrayal of trust a huge crossing of boundaries. He wouldn't actually admit this directly But, I suspect this breech of trust hurt him deeply and hurt amongst other crap flows downhill. Were comic books really a child's endeavor or was she simply weary of competing with colorful cartoon super hero's for her son's attention It may have turned out to be a multi-million dollar lesson because those comic books he collected from the thirties were most rare, and in the pristine condition he kept them in in today's market hovers around 'priceless' in monetary and replacement value. After leaving the military he was wild and often tested his american girl theory how they would spin him around and then break his heart. By dating American girls after Korea. He was a handsome young man with brown eyes thick soft, brown wavy hair. He didn't have great respect for women. How could he, they were mostly spoiled hussies his mother had warned him about. Plus what a risk to expose his whole family to a marriage After all you marry her entire family when getting hitched to her wagon There could be danger in proximity with most any American girl, especially if a special, though spurious one came sniffing around. That one in a million heartbreaker who made his heart sing.

He wound up marrying my mom, a Canadian, on the rebound. Her cross to bear was her new husband, my dad could never trust a modern day westernized woman with his heart. They did manage to make me. Was my mother just a brood mare? Did she have the first clue what she was getting into? Yes or no, mom was an interesting study as well. Her father had worshipped the ground she walked on That was her family mythology anyways The Sun rose and set on his daughter and the feelings were mutual. His furniture business went belly up when Kennedy was assassinate and despite all his optimism to the contrary he never really recovered financially after that. She was trusting, rosy cheeked, didn't smoke, didn't swear, nor ran around. She was from Canada, and had one elder sister. Mom fled to The States. getting a job at the University Campus ROTC in Minneapolis the base probably felt as dad had she was as good as it was going to get as far as a security risk goes. She wasn't a US Citizen. Canadians were often looked upon as friendly, non-combatants, peace loving, international diplomats. it all sort of fit my mother's open, easy style. The FBI, CIA, along with all the State and Federal agencies had

no history on her, no criminal record of any kind. Mom did have one previous, casual boyfriend who hadn't chosen her. She was single, white, and like my father, on the rebound with out of town family ties alone and available in the big city, she was in her prime being in her mid twenties, It is notable that my mom was the only 20 something girl of her two dozen or so Canadian peers who moved to the U.S. who stuck it out in the U.S.

remaining to create her new life in The States.

The others slinked, crawled or hiked

back to Canada. My mom was a lot of things

A quitter wasn't one of them.

She was easy and dad was hard.

She was trusting and he was suspicious But,

she was determined to make him a better man.

She stuck by him.

He had picked her and taken her to meet his

delightful extended Adams Family

hungry for family closeness as she

was, and being with child, me,

she made up her mind to make it work.

regardless of his quirks,

piccadillo's or weaknesses.

In spite of any self involvement,

arrogance, ill treatment of her,

hot headedness, vengefulness,

vanity, greed, or his uncanny ability to hold

a permanent grudge.

I dearly wanted to protect my mom

This could be a problem

I needed to appease my father so he'd

remain calm and not start venting

his crusties on mom, my sister

or me.

In general, he could be alternately, quiet, depressed and

withdrawn, sad, boastful, sullen, or sneaky. You just never knew. He was flawed, moody, judgemental, and flamboyant.

Hell, he was my dad.

Everyone had their crosses to bear.

I did the best I could with the raw material available.

My male role model was a man who lied so that others wouldn't surpass him and snatch up his resources.

Always the good Son, he steadily put money in the bank.

Money was his armament

money only he would ever see.

My grandmother once was

peeking through the shower curtain at

me at one of my visits

when I had been travelling, during my search and wander years. Looking back I guess, I can't blame her. She was still a woman an 80 year old widow grabbing a naughty thrill. but, I had to think maybe as a younger woman she may have taken similar liberties of some kind with other family members. Maybe that's why dad enlisted in instead of being drafted by the Army not to protect anyone else but to protect himself. My grandmother it should be noted married her paternal first cousin Which means, from her birth to her death she never had to change her maiden name. I think it goes a long way to explain why, when my mother and father divorced, Dad and his mother bought adjoining condo's right next to one another. On the positive side, I could kill two vultures with one stone by visiting my grandmother then visiting my father next door. What a bonanza She would call him and tell him I was over. I didn't usually want to visit him since his new girlfriend took up residence there. Until the shower incident I still came by, but on some level I realized I didn't really like or respect my grandma so much anymore I feel she worked on my dad pretty hard until she messed him up. She didn't have accountability for any of it. She taught him bad habits while claiming to do what was best for him Again do as I say and not as I do. She had thrown out his comic books because the pages and the characters he was so enthralled with had star power. They were formidable competition for her son's affections. I think she had no qualms about

making him her property, and now she had her sights on me as just more expendable, usable sexual property. I could see the whole ugly underbelly the aoens of cult worship flourishing. A delusional, desperate last ditch grab for lust and power. She had to grab

for what she had lost when her husband

Sexual relevancy she once enjoyed.

Now, rubble from the primordial ooze of a lost family circus

Center tent for a bad theatre production

My dad could never have a friend, only frenemies because he was betrothed to darker spirits.

An ancient, rule bending, outlaw spirit. Spreading dis-ease and disorder outward from it's nucleus.

With Right and wrong were malleable

dependant on what side of the perch you happened to find yourself

An anti nctioning role model doomed to seek, seduce

conquer, destroy, then burn the evidence of your wreakage to the ground. A Scorced earth policy., rinse and repeat.

If, for instance, you needed to borrow some money,

and you were young, or vulnerable

even relatives,

the policy was

if you want me to listen to your proposition,

you must dance in The Royal Lap.

Understand I didn't get to pick my family from The Sears Catalog, or any catalog that I know of

for that matter.

I found myself in a conundrum.

I wanted to love my mother,

but again, she had to have been at the very least

lost to have married my dad.

And, much of what he did and said secured this notion because he disregarded her views and didn't respect her in the slightest.

I felt conflicted because my mother

loved me non-conditionally.

She hadn't sexualize me

she was loyal and loved me whole heartedly

She encouraged my further artistic/social development. I still, however, sought
out what I couldn't have validation from my father. His validation was a hit and miss affair. I wouldn't know whether he'd applaud me for getting in a fight with someone, hitting them in the mouth while I made sure dad was watching, or he'd scold me and force me to apologize to the family and demand I make friends with this boy because dad was doing business with this boys father. It was that shifting moral compass thing that keeps popping up like a pesky vein of fools gold deep in a silver mine. My dad didn't try to conceal his inconsistencies. He never had to For that I look to his mother again. He would parrot to me 'do as I say, not as I do' often covering his social bets by the seat of his pants. What really made pops pulse quicken was admiring his bank books.

He could be as gullible as a child:

I was also a child and as a child,

my father's distant love was all I knew.

Tirelessly, I tried to be like him.

I tried my best to love him

It didn't matter who he was or how he operated,

he was right because he was my dad

and my father couldn't be wrong about anything.

His prevailing mythology was

what did you know.

If you knew something

you'd have as much money socked away

in the bank as I had.

If you were so smart,

why weren't you rich?

That said, it could be a mad circus growing up

unsuccessfuly trying to get his approval as a child

without a big bank account

I pitched and coached baseball

lettered in sports

I got in fights, and experimented with drugs

ran paper routes, worked retail sales,

dabbled in fast foods

I M.C'd dancers at a strip club.

I eventually dropped out of college

to join him as an associate at his workplace.

I told him I wanted to be like him and follow him

into his business. He said to me

I should try something easier.

Instead of discouraging me, it strengthened my resolve

challengimg me even more to prove I was worthy of respect in his world.

Still, approval from him was spotty

Lack of validation may have been the norm, for many children growing up. I was told by my father,

my sister loved me.

She didn't tell me that herself.

I was told by my sister

my dad loved me.

This triangulation was the rule.

I believed this type

of pattern was normal communication between family members.

Granted,

I wasn't kidnapped, raped or beaten on a regular basis.

I have no blood curdling, horr stories some kids have of being terrorized

of being terrorized.

We lived in a fairly well manicured

quiet, cul de sac off a private golf club

Where members sped up our street like race car drivers

I grew up in the same community as the

famous filmakers Joel and Ethan Coen.

I was surrounded by solid tax paying citizens

bustling with creativity,

busy building and doing great things.

So, what was my problem.

Why did I feel so uneasy

My dad grew up in an immigrant community

in North Minneapolis.

After spending two years in the U.S. infantry in Korea,

he was wounded in battle, and finally got to go home. After the military my dad made up his mind, survival in

this world meant every man for himself.

Both of my father's parents immigrated

from up in the Romanian High country. His family had lived there for over 1000 years, making them indigenous Romanian Dad, being the child of a shotgun marriage between first cousins, meant either ostracization or exile. So, the two ran away to America. My grandfather didn't expect much from his only son. Just that he put money away in the bank. Money meant everything and was the key to happiness and acceptance in America Whether or not, my grandfather felt my dad was the cream of his genetic crop or not was up for debate. There was certainly an undercurrent of tension between them, My grandfather felt my dad could be a callous, hard headed fool, and very often, he was right. But, pop regularly put money away in the bank, so he passed basic muster in that department with his papa. My dad believed people were a lot like ants, of course, human beings travel in herds more like horses. But, he believed the ant story because some bling wearing used car salesman in a brown leisure suit, smoking a cheap cigar, who my dad split shifts with told him so. My dad worked with half morons like cigar boy because dad walked away from the company he was vested with for almost 30 years As far back as I could remember growing up this company treated him and us with great respect they treated him and us like royalty. So, of course, what did my father do for all their great loyalty and respect. For their years of generosity and kindness He quits his post at this sterling company cannibalizes all his business with the company which meant he replaced all his and their client base, from them to some new company. He worked for these new people for just under a year. Just long enough to convert most everyone of his former clients over

to the new company's plan at point of renewal. Of course, his new employers were overjoyed to accept all my dad gave them. But, how could they trust him since he could turn around and do the same thing to them. They probably concluded my dad was a dangerous x-factor and from their perspective, they'd be right So, they fired him before he could get vested with them A clever, though devious maneuver. Did my dad have it coming? It's up for debate. Certainly pop was disloyal which bred further disloyalty. My dad tended to take advice from all the wrong people. He couldn't seem to navigate around the rocks which always loomed dead ahead. Sounding the alarm was futile. Nothing could be done. His ship was going to smash up against the shore

and we all had to swim for it.

My dad often told me, Buddy Boy, that mouth of yours will get you in trouble one day

He, again was in error.

My mouth has and continues to make me

money most every time I sing.

And I've found out people aren't ants

Sure there are workers.

But, people move in herds

more like horses than worker ants or drones.

Sure there are queens but society doesn't yet reproduce it's young with only royal jelly, or do they?

My dad was 'his own man. He did things his way.

His swan song.

His way could be very dimly lit.

Leading with his chin may have kept him alive,

or it could have killed him off quick

he would claim to be a disciple of simple.

He'd say 'keep it simple, stupid.' That's ok, unless you're stupid and dad had a patent on stupid. He was the grand master of the misled, the messiah of wingnuts. and senior spokesperson for the doomed. How I came to be was a no small miracle. It's true, breeding kids doesn't require an I.Q test. Just a willing egg and a sperm cell. To be fair my mom, who I love dearly, and would jump on a grenade for us kids. But, she wasn't the brightest bulb out of the box, otherwise she wouldn't have hooked up with my dad. But even my starry eyed, easy going, optimistic, Canadian born rosy cheeked, Betty Crocker, mother warned him not to fall for every flim flam tricksters story, every grifter with a get rich scheme. What did my dad do in return

for her wise council and devotion

He divorced her.

He took up with somebody who

slowly and methodically dismantled what was

left of my father's spirit

relieving him of his money

with the help of her attorney brother

who coerced him to change his will while he was dying.

Of course, actually proving undue influence is very difficult in a court of law.

Con artists, and junk bondsmen, could see him coming from a mile away. My dad needed to listen more and talk less.

He taught me to be very cautious and wary.

I loved my father, but he hung out with ants and cultivated relationships with the smallest of them.

Of course, horses, and most other creatures

couldn't relate to his choice of tiny companions.

In fact, when given the option horses would step

on ants, and certainly wouldn't invite ants to crawl all over them. If anyone gets

one more shot at living, I feel my dad deserved a do over, since, he scored far from a bullseye this time around. If he does come back for a do over and has another shot at life may he instead choose to live his next life as a race horse, in full gallop I hope he finds his wild herd next time instead of sniffing out ant hills

patrolling tiny mounds of dirt

### Wayward Child

You don't know this burnin sadness that I feel And you can't see beneath my fragile smile this hurt I must conceal I'll keep settin course for your promised lands your promised lands adrift and rudderless at Sea

'cause I can't quite believe you know what's best for a wayward child like me

You sheltered me when I doubted this world

held anything but sorrow My slate you cleansed clean of done wrong yesterdays so I might face tomorrow I bear witness to the sweetest love you tried to give to the likes of me

adrift and rudderless at Sea Still I can't quite believe you know what's best for a wayward child a wayward child a wayward child like you and me

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#### West Coast

Screw The West Coast Won't be buyin more shares, Joe Screw the West Coast and your cross-eyed stares, no. Screw the West Coast I'm sorry but no go Screw your snafu face and your prickly head space. What a crime

I'm short on time to whip you into shape

Screw The West Coast with your trick bag of lemon sour ju ju Spinnin webs like fine spider's silk Mess with this fly's head I'll make a meal outta you dip you in buttermilk Screw The West Coast You've put the perfect crime in my East Coast mind as I lie awake at night It was you who drew first blood now, get jazzed up and ready for the fight of your life

Screw The West Coast At least The East Coast has some balls You too boldly advertise how you specialize in lamo curtain calls

Screw The West Coast You didn't invent peace or love what a farce a bait and switch I wonder if you even know the meaning of these words If you don't want my kind around. Make your wish you heartless witch I get burnt and buried deeper in your murky ground Screw The West Coast You hem and haw how I'm damming up your flow But, all you are or could ever be is a nasty, slutty, ho Don't ask me who I am

or where I go instead ask yourself more painful questions who are you and what is it you do not know

Screw The West Coast I've tried to get a fix on you You're like some fourteen leveled Rubic's Cube I've given up the futile quest of solving the riddle that's composed of you When I try my face turns ghostly white to crimson red and then a suffocating shade of blue

Screw The West Coast Your cover has been blown Read a book off my book list byatch and get off your freakin phone

Screw The West Coast your vivid colors got smudged up having skipped the day in school when all the other kids drank the nectar from the loving cup The schwag you've been slingin The horse you are bangin' What a junkie's brew Your only claim to fame is seein' stars from huffin' airplane glue Screw The West Coast.

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## Wham Wham

You said honey I'm the best you've ever had. So, you better not hurt me. or I'll could take your privaleges away. The balance is my girl must know full well, this door swings both ways Am I the best you ever had Don't be too proud to lay it down shuck the meat off my bone. Make all my troubles dissipate. I can't lie, your smile is at the very top of my list since you gave me that peck on the lips It was a heck of a kiss cancel all our next appointments turn off your cell phone, hold all your calls, Let's blow this pop stand with a a double shot of zoo zoo's and a wham wham chaser start the car, hit the gas Let's hit the open road before it's not open anymore before your future becomes your past.

Why not hit the open road before they close it and fall through the door in the floor

By Buddy Bee Anthony

## What Color Is Your Empire

What color is your tribe. walk with me, I'll usher you into protective custody so as to affirm that you learn the color of your tribe. Within the colors of empire. The color you're compelled to wear. To get to your destination The golden ticket to take you there. It's your tribe's colors. It might be a crazy dangerous buck wild, parachute ride the color of empire the color of your tribe.

Yours could be engraved in red, pink, yellow, brown, black, or blue with a touch of off white, or grey. Or holed up on the South Side working your plan upwind from the East Bay. So, what color is your empire? Are you destined to be a paper hangin boozer cruisin for a red rose a head bangin

fang banger with a rummy red nose Find some jigger in your jive now, you're coming alive with the flint to spark your Edenous hedonist, pilot light. what shade of pedigree do you ascribe. with new color to your empire. The bold color of your tribe.

#### What Would You Say?

Who do you think you are? Who do you think you are? Why do I have to go on repeatin myself? Who do you think you are? What did you say to me? What did you say to me? Once again, I find I'm repeatin myself What did you say to me? What are you lookin at? What are you lookin at? Who're you to be lookin me over like that? What are you lookin at?

What do you say to that? What do you say to that? Imagine honing in from an angle like that? What do you say to that? Tell me is it him or me? Tell me is it him or me? Imagine me asking you a question like that? Tell me is it him or me?

What do you say to that what do you say to that. There I go once again repeatin my self What do you say to that?

## When The Drugs Wear Off

I want to gorge myself, on rich, food and drink laughing til I spit at wildly exotic, out of the way Indian cafes planning high drama on low budget.

I want a lifetime achievement award

I want six pack abs.

I want my dearest friends to sketch me

while I sleep spreading out seductively in the nude I want more people to 'get me I want an honorary doctorate from Oxford as well as from Cambridge

I want to be in tight with the 'in' crowd

I want the Queen of England to slip chocolate truffles into my mouth

as she licks the melted chocolate nectar from her fingertips

I want to make critically important world saving

decisions

utilizing my ideas and your money

I want full diplomatic immunity

so as to vanquish all enemies of the creative human spirit while I blend into deep cover of the night

I want my own sovereign country

I want to write and sing our new national song

I want to ban the term 'anthem' in music while establishing the book 'Anthem'

to be required reading for citizenship

I want to establish and preserve

sane laws for my new nation

I want to celebrate Hanukkah with a warm well-adjusted extended Jewish family I want Friday to land on the thirteenth every month I want more trees flourishing in the desert and sand dunes in the rainforest

I want to move immovable objects

I want the impossible dream to be probable

I want a dog who doesn't bark and makes in the toilet

I want my dog to savor whatever I feed them

I want to be on a sunny warm beach at low tide

with fish jumping

while cracking ripened, falling coconuts I want great dead songsmiths,

to telepathically,

transmit in a dream over to me, their unfinished works so I may complete them properly then share them with you I want never to forgo my true passions I want always to experience my best case scenario I want never to have to work just to make money

And, I want to play Canasta one more time while savoring their home made concord grape wine with my long dead grandparents Ask me again what I want when the drugs wear off

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#### White To Black

Daylight to sundown lights go on lights turn out Neon slips to shadow this is not my town Thoughts of mine turn inside out as everything fades white to black black to white

Newsman's dashin stocks are crashin words spill on and off the print

Flashbulbs flashin all the fashion

but nobody seems to take the hint It's they and their lives as everything fades white to black black to white

It's all so retro a blast in from the past Us against them right and wrong too easily assessed. it's mighty mighty grim when all I see is a bright red hot rim can't you see a bright red hot rim yet, all they see is white to black black to white Then it begins again In the starlight white to black black to white When will it end

There must be more shades of truth to blend than white to black black to white daylight to sundown lights turn on lights go out

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### Wild Rice Soak

There's Pizza delivery Indian Cuisine Tex-Mex Thai MacDonalds Burger king

and Dairy Queen Why can't more of you boil some tators with some corned beef alligators mix it up like a pole cat where you can screw and smoke. Set your beef on simmer then let your wild rice soak.

Don't want no pita plates Sushi or southern fried chicken wings.

Won't be your last man standing at the buffet onion rings. I'd love to teach the world to eat in perfect harmony. If you cooked us both a hearty meal that'd be fine by me.

The only one with home cuisine is your trusty watch dog Jo. With his chewy train of gravy doggy buscuits, and Alpo. Wouldn't it be worth the extra effort to make your cooking great. You could tell me how you made it when you put it on my plate. Penny wise, restaurant foolish. Smoke good tobacco and sip imported Gin. Let them tax us straight to hell strut your stuff play to win. Dance, the dance of lovers with a most kissable Kiss Me Kate. Put a fat notch on your score card before the hour gets too late Then, grab up your serving dish flip yourself a yolk. Put your meat on low that's simmer Son and let your wild rice soak.

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#### Winner Take All

You built your house a fortress strong and tall A screamin dream retreat doesn't that beat all ya'all But who's there for you when you're cold and lonely as you hit the wall

Better lay em down and let it ride winner take all When long odds are stacked against you folks are grinnin as you stall. lay em down say 'let it ride winner take all' Step up to the winner's circle take yourself a little bow Then lay em down and let it ride winner take all You've built your house a fortress strong and tall A screamin dream retreat doesn't that beat all ya'all

but, who's there for you without your one and only. as the final curtain falls. Best lay em down and let it ride winner take all Step up to the plate, take your best swing let the umpire make their call then lay em down and let it ride winner take all Just lay em down say 'let it ride' don't let winner take the fall

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# Your Land Of Plenty

You've spent so much money you've purchased the whole town. Passing out your funny pills to saddle us down We've been kept out with barricades, locked out by decree Tear gas, and hell fire, striking us down. In your land of plenty your stocks chipped of gold and blue bonds layered with junk I have a nether land message for you You've said you don't need it but you've certainly got it. Under a foggy haze of thick smog we wheeze through Payment for 'service's long overdue With white knuckles of brass overseeing mountains of cash Pay to the bearer, hard goods for some gash. We get the boot from your stoop In your land of plenty you've cashed in filthy from others who fled trying in vain to stop the hemorrhaging from high overhead While you preached how thriftiness vaults us to heaven Not once skipping your dues for club med With the roar of lions and stealth of the mouse Odds run in your favor when you are the house You post up tall tales on front page news crying foul with your swanky blues squashing all pipelines to a dream like some savior exalted While our Carthage is burned her scorched earth pre-salted we don't need you to lay waste to one more quaint little town darkening God's curtain

soiling his glory's crown Trekking up to paradise's gates With your sack full of riches and your fisherman's bait rehearsing sincerity too little, too late As you methodically doom us by sealing our fate Have you ever considered turning around Have you once felt any burden when the deal went down What greater value is put in your pockets by hedging your bets while opposing flags burn to the ground As you arm yourself with your best excuse some maudlin ruse mumbling schleuss how 'them thats gots gets'

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