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August 8 and all kinds of lucky eight energy in ROARSHOCK PAGE now presenting the final section of a long poem *The Last Pinelian (The Summer of Madness) The Summer of Madness (The Last Pinelian)* by D. A. Wilson composed in Martinez 40 years ago.

## THE SUMMER OF MADNESS

### (THE LAST PINELIAN)

#### Final Interlude: Shadow Boxes

Shadow boxes  
in the night.  
Stars bright.  
Torn free  
my  
own  
soul  
here  
there  
in shadow boxes everywhere.

Lost in darkness encircled  
breaking to both left and right  
knowing a great fright.

Where can I go  
to back up  
slowly?

You had better rearrange  
strange hipster  
in the summer night.

Goodbye to you  
old  
shadow boxes.  
Laughing I will be.

#### IX.

I guess that's the last of it  
as I fold the bright curtain  
that hung in my room.

End of the summer  
here at Pinel.  
End of the Summer of Madness.  
End of the  
Summer of Madness.

End of the summer  
of madness.  
End of  
madness.

I don't want to look back on it,  
right now.

There's no more victory.  
There's no more defeat.  
There's no more loss.  
There's no more gain.  
There's no more love.  
There's no more hate.  
There's no more joy.  
There's no more pain.  
There's no more day.  
There's no more night.  
There's no more poetry...  
There's only... now.  
Passing on  
out of all this.

The sun sinking down  
behind that ridge again.

Just like the first evening  
when I sat here on the deck  
with a cool beer.  
That was a Hell of a long time ago.

Oh, hot August night  
swallow me up  
I am the last of the last of the Pinelians.

#### Epilogue: My Life Goes Marching On

My mind has known the sadness  
of the ending of the school  
I have seen the transformation  
and the changing of the rules  
I have felt we all were heroes  
I have felt we all were fools  
but my life goes marching on.

Glory, glory to the memory of Pinel  
and I wish the best to Synergy  
– I have sometimes wished them Hell –  
the time has come for me to leave  
I'll go out on my own  
and my life goes marching on,  
my life goes marching on.

*Pinel – Summer 1978 – Synergy*

— D. A. Wilson

## TO DAVID

He was the last Pinelian  
In a summer of madness he was there  
holding down the fort  
feeling the land change hands  
resistance: why should this happen?  
remembering all we had here  
the joys / the sorrows  
childhood / teenage / adult  
we grow into our faces  
we expand into our minds  
we loved every sticker bush on the land  
we experienced every emotional, powerful  
love / hate state  
Mother Pinel  
Father JTEL  
the animals, Shorty, Sonja, Poky, Jody  
the Big Room  
the tower / the dome / the creek / the mudslides!  
the life stuff bursting out  
it was gutsy  
    terrible / beautiful  
    birth / death  
    sharing / rip-offs  
    passion / contempt  
    I love you / fuck you

these hills will never forget  
and neither will we

it was cosmic

thanks last pinelian  
you did well

-- Sallie Hanna-Rhyne



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## AUGUST ALMANAC

- 08/01 1815 Richard Henry Dana Jr. was born.  
08/02 1932 Peter Seamus O'Toole, actor, was born.  
08/03 1601 Austria captured Transylvania in Battle of Goroszló.  
08/04 1987 Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rescinded the Fairness Doctrine.  
08/05 1861 United States Army abolished flogging.  
    1926 Harry Houdini stayed for 91 minutes in a sealed tank underwater before escaping.  
08/06 1996 The Ramones played their last concert at The Palace, Los Angeles, California.  
08/07 1940 Alsace-Lorraine annexed by Third Reich.  
08/08 1576 Tycho Brahe's Uraniborg observatory cornerstone laid on the island of Hven.  
    1988 The 8888 Uprising began in Rangoon, Burma.  
08/09 1962 Hermann Hesse died in Switzerland.  
08/10 1821 Missouri admitted as the 24th U.S. state.  
08/11 2018 NEW MOON  
08/14 1848 Oregon Territory organized by Congress.  
08/15 1843 Tivoli Gardens amusement park was first opened in Copenhagen, Denmark.  
08/16 1916 Migratory Bird Treaty between Canada and the United States was signed.  
08/17 1907 Pike Place Market opened in Seattle.  
08/26 2018 FULL STURGEON MOON  
08/28 1845 *Scientific American* magazine first issue was published.  
08/29 1831 Electromagnetic induction discovered by Michael Faraday.  
08/30 70 The siege of Jerusalem ended after Titus destroyed Herod's Temple.  
08/31 1903 Arthur Godfrey was born in Manhattan.

<http://roarshock.net/august.html>

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