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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.

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