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4 20 and the high flying youth converge on that spot in Golden Gate Park known as Hippie Hill whether or not anybody asks them, and the anarchic mega-event confounds SF Rec and Park who don't know from whom to demand permits and, most of all, grand fees. Spring 2017 follows California cannabis legalization by popular vote in November 2016, so perhaps forward looking entrepreneurs will want to jump in and civilize the pot holiday, and No Glass BONGS! But perhaps the Federal Man — in his towering might! — will try another Drug War battle, raining destruction (even as California regulates recreational cannabis) the result of his poisoning by dangerous and undeniable Reefer Madness. Good luck with that. So on this auspicious occasion ROARSHOCK PAGE presents 420 verse. Here are antique finely manicured poems, fresh as the spring from ancient strains and seeds.

THE WAY DYLAN LOOKED

Turning door knob
flashes through my head
like blue bursting bubble
or the way Dylan looked
on the stage at the Warfield
with a twang guitar note
and a burst of purple and yellow
at the end of a song
about language
Eden and animals

— D. A. Wilson



BLANK DOSES

I've lived in the Haight
for twenty three years
the buds that I speak of
will get you high
give me your money now
I'll give you this sheet to hold
Don't you *dare* run off with it!
I'll be back in ten minutes

An hour later
I've had my fix
of heroin and cocaine
you have a sheet of blank doses
and lots of food for thought

— D. A. Wilson



A MOMENT

Last night
A collection of murky images
Empty cans for beer
A brown head pressed against my arm
Haunting eyes glancing up
A dream of a promise
The room wrapped in soft darkness
Heavy with the smell of hashish
The indrawn smoke:

A reflection of
A deeper breath

— D. A. Wilson

ATTENTION ALL SPEED FREAKS!

Attention all speed freaks:
Attention all speed freaks:
You can put it in your nose
'til your nose rots.
You can put it in your arm
'til your arm drops.
You can put it in your brain —
feel it turn to dust
inside your skull
and fill with pain.
Attention all speed freaks:
How many of you
are even aware of
the Cassady Myth?
Attention all speed freaks:
Yer livin life at 78 RPMs
yer body's made for
33 and 1/3
or 45 at best.
Attention all speed freaks:
What the hell world!
Where's the world headed anyways?
Out with a rush and a bang!

—D. A. Wilson

APRIL ALMANAC

- 04/01 2017 APRIL FOOLS DAY
2017 39th Annual Saint Stupid's Day Parade in San Francisco (www.saintstupid.com).
- 04/02 1902 "Electric Theatre," first full-time movie theater in U.S., opened in Los Angeles.
- 04/04 1768 Philip Astley staged first modern circus in London.
- 04/05 1595 John Wilson, English composer, lutenist and teacher was born in Faversham, Kent.
- 04/08 1892 Mary Pickford born in Toronto, Canada.
- 04/09 1928 Tom Lehrer was born in New York City.
1932 Carl Perkins born in Tiptonville, Tenn.
- 04/10 1970 Paul McCartney quit The Beatles.
- 04/11 2017 FULL PINK MOON
- 04/12 1945 US President Franklin D. Roosevelt died.
1955 Polio vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, was declared safe and effective.
- 04/15 1912 RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic at 2:20 a.m., hours after hitting an iceberg.
- 04/19 1782 John Adams secured the Dutch Republic's recognition of the United States
- 04/20 1996 Christopher Robin Milne died in London.
- 04/21 1925 Manifesto of the Fascist Intellectuals was published in *Il Mondo*, establishing the foundations of Italian Fascism.
- 04/22 1970 First EARTH DAY was celebrated.
- 04/26 1958 Dan Nettell was born.
2017 NEW MOON
- 04/27 1570 Roman Catholic Pope Pius V declared Queen Elisabeth I of England a heretic.
- 04/28 1881 Billy the Kid escaped jail in Mesilla, NM.
- 04/30 2017 WALPURGISNACHT

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