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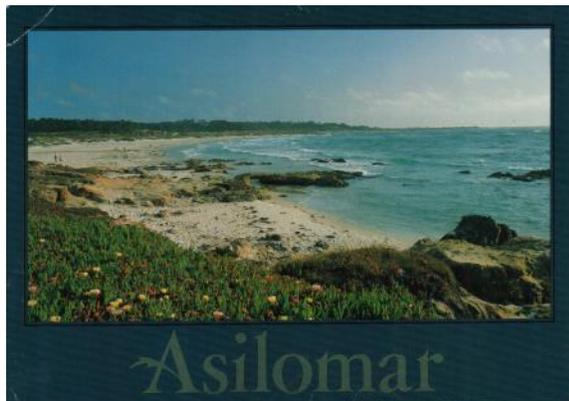
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Welcome Readers and Congratulations to you for Being Here Now @ 40th Anniversary of the Founding of the Troll Empire! With great pleasure and responsibility ROARSHOCK PAGE provides the play-by-play.

ALMOST ANOTHER BERKELEY AUTUMN

Late Saturday afternoon
Sitting at a big empty table
In the Caffè Mediterraneum
With a No Smoking sign
On the wall behind me.
I'm waiting for the big
Hot glass of delicious
Cappuccino to cool
So I can drink it
And hurry on to meet
My pregnant mate
At the Berkeley BART station
In one half hour's time.
I've just walked from Rockridge BART
Through ramshackle streets
Of Rockridge
And South Berkeley
The sun westerning
And the first big shadows
Gathering
Of oncoming autumn . . .
And I am writing
Another poem in Berkeley.

— D. A. Wilson
Berkeley, California
09-18-1993



TROLL HOLE

Troll holding sticks
in air talking in code
concerning faces
that gleam eye
from not quite there
across the room
the shuddering disposition
the twisted path
to tangled thickets many
where vulture crows caw
and painters canvas
absorbs paint and sunrays
in eye mind thought
vision reconstruction
the light yellow sun
is pale in the moonlight
and the stars gleam
in constellations
and all the night animals
and airs and feelings
are all around
menacing
to the menaced
awesome
beautiful poetic
love, I suppose
to those who are happy
and in balance
the days of sticks
are nigh at hand
and keen to make a stand
away from here
out into the world
to find out
what the place is like
and discover the true
higher meanings
of Troll caves
and Troll holes
on all levels
from all directions.

-- Zoro S. R. Troll

TROLL
It's not just a fairy-tale, it's a way of life.

TOMORROW'S DREAM

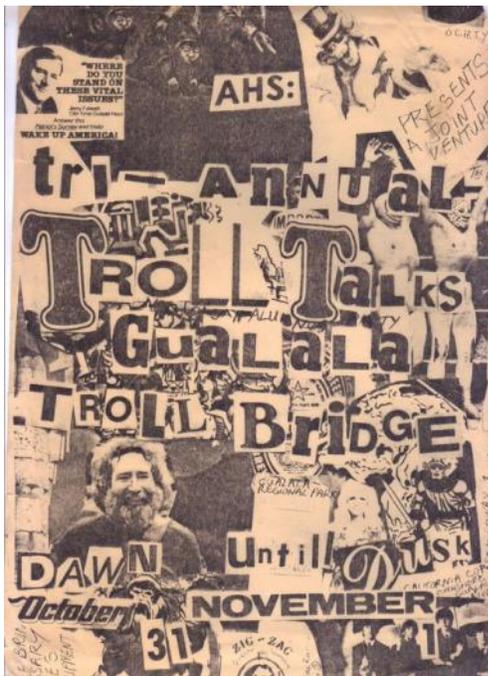
Bare feet left scant impressions upon the worn wood floor littered with papers. The young man long haired and naked except a pair of jeans torn and faded, passed to and fro fist on chin. His room was dark and sparsely furnished. Everywhere were manuscripts and stacks of books. The works of Tolkien and Bradbury among others. From a much used stereo The Beatles sang quietly. He stopped his pacing and sat at a table which leaned against one postered wall. There was laid pen and ink. He took them up and began to write in fine script upon parchment derived from a paper bag.

*When I woke this morn,
'Twas cool grey light,
Which greeted my fresh opened eyes,*

He paused and looked out the window while winter's first rain filled the streets of Berkeley.

The afternoon had been spent on the Avenue watching and listening. He has seen a giant smashing empty soda cans like paper cups. Once a scary white haired man approached him gleaming and screaming, "Richard Nixon died for YOUR sins!" A pretty girl with books held aloft smiled at him shyly as she walked passed. There was a great crowd gathered at the house where he lived. Someone had Oh Deed on Die Gel. Was he really here on the real world? He didn't quite know. His mind lay about him in the form of prose. Oakland was losing the playoffs. That couldn't really happen, could it? He sat at the table partaking of dinner: fresh bread and herb tea. His poem was unfinished. He didn't much like the first three lines. Tomorrow he must find work or starve. Ah, what did that matter? He enjoyed life now and what was tomorrow but a half-guessed truth?

— D. A. Wilson
Martinez, California
10/06/1975 5:05 pm PT



SEPTEMBER ALMANAC

- 09/01 1772 The Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa was founded in California.
09/02 1666 The Great Fire of London broke out and burned for three days, destroyed the City.
09/06 1628 Puritans settled Salem which became part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
09/07 878 Louis the Stammerer was crowned the king of West Francia by Pope John VIII.
09/09 2019 CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY (1850)
TROLL EMPIRE DAY (1979)
09/11 1609 Henry Hudson made the first European arrival at Manhattan Island.
09/12 1846 Elizabeth Barrett eloped with Robert Browning.
09/13 1501 Michelangelo began work on his statue of David.
09/14 2019 FULL HARVEST MOON
09/15 1935 The Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of citizenship.
09/16 1880 The *Cornell Daily Sun* printed its first issue in Ithaca, New York. Oldest U.S., continuously-independent college daily.
09/17 1776 The Presidio of San Francisco was founded in New Spain.
09/19 1846 Two French shepherd children experienced an apparition of Our Lady on a mountaintop near La Salette, France.
09/20 1187 Saladin began the Siege of Jerusalem.
09/26 1580 Francis Drake finished circumnavigating the Earth.
09/27 1590 Pope Urban VII died 13 days after becoming Pope, shortest papacy in history.
09/28 2019 NEW MOON
09/29 1789 The 1st United States Congress adjourned
09/30 2016 Two paintings which were stolen in 2002 from Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum were recovered.

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