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March brings the beginning of Spring, the planting of seeds, expanding the fertile imagination. ROARSHOCK PAGE begins another issue of poems and stories that wonder... where we are from, and what's next...

"...and nothing to get hung about." -- Lennon

I'M DOWN WITH THAT

When Spring comes and I have a chance to walk in the hills, I feel alive. Really in tune, aware, pretentious, and hey yeah, man I know what's goin' on!

MOMENTS BECOME MONTHS

The way I am.

Full of doubts and questions
unanswerable common fears
about the way things are
or were or yet might be.

Diverting myself
down untold
nameless paths.

Gripped emotion.

Uneasy shuffle, unsung sonnet.

The First Days of Spring.
The rusty daylight
and the flashing light of the police car.
City sights, green golden grass hills
white fruit tree blossoms at dusk.

Overwhelmed each night
by a headful of blues.
A cooled down slow sleep adventure,
but incorporating a restless change.

Moments become months.

FOR ST. PADDY'S DAY...

Sure and this just isn't blarney
For what I say is true—
The luck of the Irish was with me
The day that I met you.



FOUR MILE ISLAND

Accident at Four Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania yesterday. How serious it was not yet certain. Large cloud of radioactive steam hovering overhead. Congress up in arms! Gov. Brown suggests research into alternate power sources. Anti-nuclear sentiment grows.

Parallels between Four Mile Island and the movie *China Syndrome*, just released. The movie describes a similar nuclear accident.

The cover of *Zap Comix #9* is an amazing painting by S. Clay Wilson. It portrays strange mutated humans blowing each other away in some brutal & lethal conflict. The stars are pale and everything is sickly and bent; it is a picture of After the Catastrophe.

A hum in the air, a moment of silence, then a low boom. The news comes slowly from far away stations. An atom bomb has ended San Francisco, the Bay, Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Marin, San Mateo... Radiation fingers are creeping over the ridge tops. Night comes, the stars are pale. Wild dogs run. Mad-eyed looters break liquor store windows. Babies glow in the dark.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1979

These uncomfortable chairs close in.

Amazing writers gathered --

David Wilson - Virginia Menge - Sandy Martinez -
Gloria Jones - Marsha Kennedy - Jane Freeman -
Jane Williams - Ros Duncan - Linda Wolthausen -
Martha McCloskey - Elaine Fairchild - Evan Morgan -
David Miller - Judy Bartlett - Barbara Fields - Gordon
Rails - Bertha Thomas - Dan Neddle (A.E. Thistle) -
Sam Golbert - Robert Estee - Peggy Burgess - C. H.
"Goose" Goostonberry

AN OLD IRISH TOAST

May the hinges of our friendship
never grow rusty.



LETTER FROM A WINDY CITY

First pour a couple drinks. Then settle into that chair and read this... (it's) But will you respect me in the morning? (it's) Never trust anyone wearing a tie! (a) I'm surprised! I never expected this! But... (a) Just the facts. That's all they want. Default!! Two soft breast for me! (seam) Hey do you remember when? I do, don't hang around with this guy he's trouble... (scam) Get a lawyer. Get a retirement account... take a vacation... take vitamins. Oil change. Braces. Cigars. Hey Mr. President know any women? (trouble) Sorry but you may understand what you are about to read?? (trouble) I see them often. I know who they are. (is) Send emails often! But beware! They <unreadable> everywhere!! They know us! (is) It is time! They're white, queer, liberal, republicans, democrats. They are privileged. They push buttons... They are scared! (coming) Can you keep a secret? Good! (coming) Things are not what they seem. They're much worse!

(Buy) So ya wanna change the world? Ingredients:
1 - clown nose. 1 - short haircut. 1 - v-neck sweater.
1 - dose of politeness. 1 - bag of good dope.
1 - 12-year-old bottle of Scotch. 1 - 21 year old female.
Mix thoroughly. Smile often. Piss somebody off. Bake until done. (Buy) We're having fun, and we have money now, watch out!

(American) "I'm trying to think but nothing happens."
(American) The bird alone with an apple and orange.
A tree, a bag of nuts - 18 and 2 feet of snow - take refuge my feathered friend. Leave your droppings on the wall. The door opens. Please leave, your life is ended by one cotton towel. (:-) Past due collections, shoes. I need a razor and shaving cream. The 7:12 to Chicago. Hey fat cat is that your wife? 27th floor. 100 phone calls. Hi Juan Leary, how may I help you? (:-)

The plains tell us not to forget the carnage. They're there. They look out over the bluffs. Confused tears fall from their eyes. And the great spirit breezes. My eyes acknowledge them. I was sad. Next exit Iowa. (:-%)

Who knows all too well those experimental days. They opened our eyes and made us see in the isles. I wonder, is this too much sugar? Are we there yet? They hold my hand and trust in me. I am sober and lonely. I know a troll or two who kept my soul from melting. I learned to write in pencil. I walked among the newts.

A rainy day I remember so well, under the bridge, stories we told one another... as the stars twinkle now, I wish for all the fun, we had once.

-- Mayor Phipps, Chicago, IL

MARCH ALMANAC

- 3/2 FULL CRUST MOON
1964 Filming began on the Beatles' first film, "A Hard Day's Night."
- 3/3 1959 The new home of the San Francisco Giants baseball team was officially named Candlestick Park.
- 3/4 1966 John Lennon said that "We're (The Beatles) more popular than Jesus now."
- 3/7 1999 Stanley Kubrick died at age 70.
- 3/8 1999 Joe DiMaggio died at age 84.
- 3/9 1958 Alan K. Lipton was born.
1996 George Burns died at age 100.
- 3/12 1922 Jack Kerouac was born.
1942 Paul Kantner was born.
- 3/15 IDES OF MARCH
1940 Phil Lesh born.
- 3/17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
NEW MOON
1938 John O. Wilson was born.
1948 Bruce Henderson was born.
1979 First meeting of Daniel C. Nettell and David A. Wilson.
- 3/20 VERNAL EQUINOX
- 3/21 1961 The Beatles played their debut performance at The Cavern Club in Liverpool.
- 3/22 1962 Neal Attinson (Barbatus the Elder) was born.
- 3/23 1981 First meeting of the Neo-Pagan Society of DVC in Pleasant Hill, CA
- 3/24 1983 Brenna Rose Wilson was born.
- 3/26 1875 Poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.
1892 Poet Walt Whitman died.
- 3/31 FULL WORM MOON



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