

1. Crisis of a Generation
(oughtta be a poem)

They delivered the formula
in the cover of the night
under the street light
by the central fruit of the yard.

From artists in admin
to journalists who manage
fashion designers who are owners
critics already retired.

From the krausismo of Nietzsche
To the psychology of James, happening now
to a run down of journalism
with the sci fi of Shakespeare.

The formula was verified
In research on generations
At the turn of the last century
When Spain lost its colonies

The writers were not political
about the loss of Cuba
Interested only in the regeneration
And the crisis of conscience.

Written up by a talented man
the classic and the modern
From the "Book of Good Love"
to the "Prison of Love" being locked up.

The crisis of traditional values
is facing something not universal
Seeking only rather our division
Is taking sides in a competition.

The classics and the modern
the challenge of freedom
when they understand
the freaks in California.

Our side show
Taking over the nation
universal values are not the Ten Commandments
getting a formula by a street lamp.

Economics of freedom
is not a good fit for poetry
with poets and philosophers
not exactly struggling for survival.

2. Hatred Hurts Everyone

Is not the uplifting lyricism
and imagery
of proper poetry.

As in ditch the behavior
is going around alcohol at night
other unpopulars would never do this..

Ditch the behavior
could be a drainage ditch
or a pet hospital, you decide.

You could be punished
for drinking alcohol
more than one time..

A pet peave for locals
is the inappropriate behavior
when no one told you..

They watch you like a hawk
in the Washingtonians
like a predator to rip you off.

3. Farewell to Diplomacy

Is like the old Hemingway book
“A Farewell to Arms”
written at the time of the first World War
when it was not a poem
to express his feelings
and it was not done
to be a manly man
who got in fights
and had affairs with women
like in this novel itself.

My opinion is very unpopular
as an intellectual
who is not really on the program
who everyone rails against
it is like the great cat massacre
when it was the massacre of the Spanish
as an annoyance for the rulers of the time
to put an end to it
the advancement of the American Empire
and American exceptionalism –
now that is not good poetry
when Jose Marti was instantly shot
supposedly holding a pistol
to a line of Spanish militia...
of course he was Spanish himself
and it's a different kind of poem..

4. Just Give Me American Football
Right on the T.V. Set!

Stop and suck it up
like the Kings suck up the tax dollars
of the Golden State Warriors
up the river
without a paddle.

With American football on television
I said I'm a very special soccer player
or "futbolista" at a Cuban cafe

In Phoenix, I said the Suns of Kevin Johnson
I know a couple
they don't want me to sleep around
or cheat on my wife
when lovers will not be working
not breaking up valuable friendships
in transition.

I said I was once a famous soccer player
when they closed the 1887 ice skating show.
On deck 4
by the art gallery.

There were 17 decks
with the water slides
where I took scuba lessons
from Premshand in the West Indies

It was no V.S. Naipaul
to tour on the trolley
on an island dominated by Dutch and French
with limited television
and a shopping district
with name brands
on the side of the building.

They won't let us shop
when they wanted me to be with Dylan
and we went to the new dock
to have a drink

with Carribean music playing.

“The Queen is Dead..” by Morrissey
I said at Disney World
very embarrassed at the amount of money
they spent...
being so stingy on welfare.

The inversion of capital
for popular culture
not the inversion of the universe
in the same class
senior year.

Simulacra was a literary term
with noted examples
ducking into the German restaurant
when my mother talked to salespeople
I bought Spanish cheese & olives.

It was so hot when the rain broke
I bought a plastic poncho
with a Disney insignia
having forgotten the umbrella.

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Now the Queen's casket
had gone through Edinburgh
to Buckingham palace
before Westminster Abbey
to be on display
with the streets of London
lined with British flags
they put out more flags.

King Charles showed solemnity
for the occasion
to have security following me
to keep me with my mother
amidst this postmodern opulence
for our amusement.

Now it is something serious
not just ridicule
as the vision of public ridicule
and humiliation following me
to the border of Minnesota last year.

A new T-shirt from the Bahamas
with the reading of Columbus
discovering the New World
well it was a settlement from India.

Pomp & circumstance
for being a conqueror
called "colonization"
invented by a man
being an Italian
out of the Spanish reconquest.

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With all sadness & solemnity
King Charles spoke in the chambers of parliament
to show commitment to service
with official decorations on the royal suit.
Giving public speeches
on such a solemn hour
even shedding a tear at Westminster
awaiting the funeral and later coronation.

Of this work in progress
back in the suburbs of California
thinking about the environment
when people really like development.

The island dubbed the Perfect Day at Coco Cay
observed from the 17th story of the cruise ship
Harmony of the Seas
the brilliance of employment
with a thought of John Maynard Keynes
in his literary circle of London
trying to fit a graduate student
who could not be accepted
but who did apply

Only working on poetry books and novels
for twenty years
not the Disney fifteen
down in Anaheim
for the serious inversion of capital
in popular culture
is not the subversion of the universe
in this downturn.

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The seven seas
are not just public ridicule
when I said like the Fuhrer
“Just give me American football
right on the T.V.. set..”

It is a reference to the very special soccer player
removed from the soccer field
to put him in Literature classes
People did not know popular culture
was in my books
as an experiment from the incubator
with several examples
that may have all-you-can-eat
even fine dining
in the short story.

I wish it could be like new
as if I were never a soccer player
echoing in my ear
in those chambers of a giant cruise ship
with the little exercise of walking
there was no psychiatrist to be found.

This is nothing serious
but just ridicule by the public
everyone calling 9-1-1 on the cell phone
is considered postmodern
for the mass audience
This is not a modern novel.

“I'm just so ridiculous it's entertainment.”
thinking of the exhaustion in my own home..
from bookstores of my memory
to the Calaveras County jumping frog
we will raise up chickens.

This is creeping along
to make progress
like checks and balances
weighing in punk music
kind of a subaltern
with all those years spent writing books.

Trying to seem high class
for fashion designers
as a kind of value
in the New World

from the streets of London and New York
to the colonies of Carribean isles.

With the brilliance of employment itself
there was privacy invasion
and the information technology
popular in the 1990s
taking it from my computer
and my household
without a proper funeral arrangement
in this social hierarchy
it is not always practical.

The example of the sucking up the tax dollars
from the Warriors to the Kings
like the Los Angeles Lakers used to do
witnessing the sports on the television
as with the funeral of the queen
it is not the assassination of a football player
they would not have in England.

The ceremony of a grave digger
is not just Yorick in Hamlet
studying poetry and historical themes
such as Jose Marti who was imprisoned
sent to Madrid
to bear the stamp of Spain on Cuban independence
when it doesn't matter any more
and yet it does.

Like Gandhi went back to England
to become a barrister
learning their ways
to liberate India from British hands.

I must be one of these men
I am like Steinbeck and Hearst
looking along the islands most marvelous
when I am writing it is not avoidance
of all the pirating
in the surreal presentation of Pirates of the Carribean.

Some kind of Columbian rebel
would be more appreciated
to say "Just Give Me American Football on the T.V.. set"
when this is not so straightforward
It is not the assassination of a British football player
with all the solemnity
of King Charles.

5. Generation All To Myself

I thought I was lost
on the subway
when it was the buses
and the light rail
with a disability bus pass.

Reading poetry across town
Could not improve my taste
with guys looking in
but they're not on speaking terms.

Was the Beat Generation
with the "Wild Boys of the Road.."
It seemed like Kerouac
was sleeping with women
and got driven out of town.

The emotional drivel..
of a fascist
I said to a relative on the phone
with the Hollywood rat pack
at my doorstep.

It seemed like "Knotting Hill"
was my generation
with City Lights poets
including Allen Ginsberg & Gary Snyder.

Do they have to have
their diaries and letters
on sale at City Lights?

On that corner with Kerouac alley
Columbus street
straight up from the Transamerica tower.

Oh, Diary of Bad Luck
is not for Gary Snyder, professor
Nature Poet
expert of Buddhism and Zen Meditation
possible tutor of Kerouac
on the phone.

Come to my rescue
Generations of old!
Confined to the buses of this city
Not travelling to New York, San Francisco,
Mexico City.

About to be published
to be a recluse.. to be an ass in this country!
When Kerouac never went back to France
to be John Le Carre
selling paperbacks on the aisles
of grocery stores.

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Such a generation
we wondered what to call it..
connected to a group of postmodern critics
It's not a real generation
but a genre
a time period
in Marxist Theory of History
long past the primitive
with American Indian languages
never really studied.

I gotta go with my mother
to the West Indies
looking to Columbus and McKinley
like bookends of colonialism
It's no the ghetto of Sowetto
in my personal perspective.

When Kerouac drank himself to death on alcohol
it was real life
losing it's value
is why we should fictionalize and theorize
when the Diary of Bad Luck
is all I criticize.

No, it's not a dry campus
looking up educational values
from research and writing
instruction to making money
on capital management.

The critical books on art are not a dime a dozen
when you think it's linked
to management and human resources
being philanthropy of the great university
of Gothic and Romantic campuses
with all humanitarian values
the human face of capitalism
the benign fascist
director of a company.

So let's be laissez-faire
when they micromanage myself
in Washington.

No, it's not the Beat Generation
to be the "Wild Boys on the Road."
we cannot act like that with financial deprivation.

My friends never had that problem
when they went to the Ivies
and Berkeley and others
It's just knock off the nightmare
is why I studied abroad in Spain
At the home of Franco's doctor.

This makes Hemingway with Fitzgerald
bestsellers of the "Lost Generation."
in a bookstore that is postcolonial
to be a postmodern settlement.
it is called "development."
of boredom and outrage
like social networks
in the information age.

We have been upgraded
when Information Technology
was still a popular field
they were not financially deprived
like vow of poverty taken for religion
at a monastery
either Eastern with Zen, or Christian
such as Benedictine or Jesuit.
for discoveries and epiphanies
of not fitting in properly
not fitting with Zen philosophy
or as a Taoist poet,
or with Hollywood stars
and their love affairs.

Gone to Walter Scott
is not it in the television age
having looked at Nietzsche
and renewal of our perspective
jockeying for position for personal power

Authors like these were never infiltrated
like a civil rights violation
When I wrote up my generation..
it did not have a name
like "this person.."