

pocket poetry

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poetry to go

a 2" x 4" chapbook that fits in your back pocket

reason to stand

The dying weeping willow
looked like a thin, frail old man

trying to stand in the wind
when he cannot find a reason
to stand

Became a Jungle

he wanted plants around
he wanted something living
& since my mom died
my home has become a jungle
because I don't want anything to die

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hF4H-Mk01Es>

build your own cross

why be a carpenter
and build your own cross
when Walmart
can do it for you

selling mass produced
2' tall wooden crosses
with glued plastic flowers
to hammer into dirt
at roadsides
for accident victims

why be a carpenter
why build your own cross
when Walmart can do it for you

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiHOjEkhQKo>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwx3ftgKyR8>

teaching our children

he hears a father & son
@ a public restroom
after the kid goes
2 wash his hands
dad says
“you don't need to do that”

THIS teaches our children.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGF_mESJEXk

on ashes

Dachau's gas chambers
work every morning
as snow settles on ashes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSqRRg86Hho>

Evicted Today

Buddha was evicted today
and I don't know how it happened
because Buddha lives inside me

what

what happened

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tqGHbAMw8U>

marine rifle poem

this is my poem
there are many like it
but this one is mine
without me, this poem is useless
without this poem, I am useless

thank you

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaYxnAml-Es>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfjzuwqdlB4>

at the camp

through wind, sleet or rain
they say “work will set you free”:
their chant ‘til you die

just let it
glide over me

that's why I don't write poetry
i don't want to let things sink in
i'm shallow that way

i don't need to face things that way
just let it glide over me

Drinking Their Life Away

In Europe, everyone is so well educated
even if there aren't even enough jobs
you see highly intellectual bums
drinking their life away

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5KwACAuRMc>

Pinchy

a lobster tank @ a bar
had a sign that said,
“you catch ‘em we cook ‘em”

8 lobsters
w/ a carnival-style
pincher
try your luck
4 only \$2

if I ever caught 1
I wouldn't eat it
he'd be my crustacean pet
& I'd call him Pinchy

Dentist in Iraq

I'm a dentist, still in the service
so they shipped me to Iraq
all I do now
is clean up soldiers split open

I see all the blood
I miss my office
I miss so much

Finding Faith in a Grocery Store

waiting in line at the grocery store
i saw a pocket-book for sale called
“the Idiot’s Guide to Faith”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbg4m0v1hxw>

bitter suburbs

JY sez the 847 Suburban Wheat
is like the Suburbs:

too bitter
for whatever sweetness it has

& i thought,
did you expect anything else?

Bar Poem

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& I tried to shake my
confusion out of my head
as I drank my beer

hypocrisy with our
lady of humility

saw hypocrisy
in a bumper sticker today:

“Proud Parent of
our lady of humility
Honor Student”

How He Failed

“I’m disappointed in you”
he said to me
& I wonder
if he ever felt disappointed
in how he failed as a father

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=613yKbaLS5s>

On a Downtown Chicago Light Pole

Saw a sticker
on a downtown Chicago light pole
that said,
“Most Capitalism is nothing more
than human & animal slavery”

someone wrote
this response on it:
“You’re a broke douche.”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOrOzR9dSrg>

My New Grocery List

Preparation H,
Tampons,
Depends Undergarments,
and
a bottle of Whiskey.

Fingers Black

you told me nothing...
all I could do
was turn my fingers black
scouring the newspapers
searching for any news
about what happened
with us

Skittery

the violet flowers
over my ash
I felt the purple rain
as I left the academy

but I couldn't take it...

enchanted... what
was enchanted?

as evening came
I felt the fading sunset

because my soul
over my ash

skittered away

be free of you

I want to pull off my face
and remove that part of my brain
that stores the memory
of what you did to me

I want to be free of you

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVc_DSYH1FA

for better
or for worse

for better or for worse
but all you're offering me is worse
& I just can't see it getting better

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkdHU2jsW_g

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