

Lost in Paradise

by Avendor

On top of the hill,
the grass was green.
I fumbled about,
like a drunken Marine.
I kissed your neck,
so fresh, white, and clean.
Bent the lace on your panties,
and fingered the seams.
The stars hung in the sky,
like in a tapestry.
I licked your thighs
so ecstatically
My well worn cross,
can wait for me.
Come Cobain girl,
and I'll dive into thee.
Let's prevent the dawn,
from reemerging.
Please help me dear,
with The Second Coming.
I'm tired of all,
these doomsday runnings.
I've fought so long,
to feel this free.
Your breasts are bare,
before the heavens.
Your nipples are hard,
with the lust that is in them.
After our next cataclysm
I'll wonder if it was okay,
for us to give in.
Your stomach rises
and falls with your breathing
The bright yellow moon
is receding.
The birds begin
their morning greetings.
Sadly it's time,
for us to be leaving.

Daddy

by Kareem Ali

My father calls on Sunday
his voice saturated with venom
He now collects teeth in jars
They are his stamps.
He says he has a set from Thomas Jefferson.

On Mondays
he collects past hurts
they are his stamps.
In his collection
is an original baseball bat
that I never stole,
Nuremberg is certainly waiting.

He says that I did steal it
and sprays out the guilt
like a big hose fireman.

But I say
what about the times
that we always never
went fishing
or the campfires never made
the skateboards never promised
the bike never rode.

When he calls now
I converse in sign language
and pray for release.



Are you a
Veteran
experiencing
or at risk of
becoming
homeless?

**Transition
Projects**

Please call 855.425.5544
or visit 650 NW Irving Street

12 HOURS
after you quit smoking, carbon monoxide levels
in your blood decrease to normal.

After a year, your added risk of heart disease is cut in half.
Five years after quitting, your risk of having a stroke
is the same as a non-smoker.

QUIT SMOKING TODAY. CALL: 1.800.QUIT.NOW

**SMOKEFREE
oregon**

quitnow.net/oregon

Thank you, readers, for your support of our weekly newspaper and our daily vendors!