

CentO For Daddy

Who gave me the atom bomb
twisted water into mercury¹
perverted God and
Godzilla

I love you baby
who loved my mother until
Tecumseh² was slaughtered by Locke³
on the plains of Abraham⁴
and
buried here on the prairie
beside
Patrice Lumumba⁵

Oh baby you
left me waiting for the revolution
on the reservation
and marks on my face⁶
left me to build a nation
out of Manichaeism⁷

Come hold me again
with you blood poison apple
powdered prescription pills
and sail needles from page to rain
hold me tight baby
with
hell in your hand and heaven in your mouth
raise your voice
raise Toussaint L'Overature⁸
like a Lazarus⁹
raise us
up from the grave

¹ Reference to the Wabigoon river poisoned with mercury in the 1960's-70's. The Aboriginal people nearby suffered the affects of mercury poisoning for decades.

² 19th century Delaware leader who fought in the war of 1812.

³ 19th century English philosopher whose ideas about property justified the dispossession of Aboriginal people in North America.

⁴ Refers to the place where the English defeated the French in 1759.

⁵ Prime Minister of Congo in 1960, executed with the assistance of the CIA & Belgian Army in 1961.

⁶ Reference to the scars left by smallpox.

⁷ A religious system of the 5th century representing Satan in everlasting conflict.

⁸ Haitian leader of the revolt against France in 1791-1804.

⁹ Character in the New Testament.

fifty bucks
or fifty megatons
baby
that's all we need

bullets and botulism
baby
Bring it on
Daddy
give Goliath¹⁰ his gardens back
I'll stop crying
I promise
I promise
I'll give you what you want
do your dishes
make you a bed
of ashes
have your baby
Baby
we can call him Doc¹¹
we can feed him the machinations
of a Vodou god
and whale fat

tell him a bedtime story
of Heidegger and how his mouth
covered the world

of Nietzsche who
loved god
built mega-death
and then remembered to love himself
Oh *Übermensch*¹²

Oh daddy
let us be faithful
to the loathing of furious Saint John's
incantations to
the flayed streets of Burejj¹³

butcher the lamb & lion

¹⁰ Reference to the Philistine warrior from the book of Samuel.

¹¹ Baby Doc Duvalier, 19__ to 19__, leader of Haiti, noted for his brutality.

¹² Nietzsche's idea of a Superman.

¹³ Palestinian refugee camp, located in the Gaza Strip (Est.1941) frequently bombed by Israel.

butcher of men
butcher baby girls
and raze the graves
of Custer & Middleton¹⁴

Let's go to the trains Daddy
we can safari the west
and slaughter whatever epicurean¹⁵ ideas that are left there
drink the blood of free settlers
and say goodbye to freedom
So long Sucker(s)

Goodbye Westbank
goodbye Gaza
and cheap Sagamok¹⁶ too!
With one leg longer
and one arm stronger
just like queen Victoria

beat down Hegel's niggers¹⁷ Daddy

We will build a tomb for Prometheus¹⁸
and Disney's Pocahontas whore
and drag them kicking and screaming
in to it

Remember Poe¹⁹ Daddy
Darwish²⁰ too
the deaths of Tito²¹ and Mandelstam²²

I want you Daddy
love me
like you loved Paleolithic
gardens of vomit
Mao's march²³

¹⁴ American general G.A Custer, defeated at Little Big Horn & English General F.D Middleton, commander of Canadian Militia during the Northwest Rebellion.

¹⁵ Philosophical ideas attributed to Epicurus, Greek philosopher, 341-270 BC.

¹⁶ A small reserve in Northern Ontario, Canada.

¹⁷ Reference to Hegel's philosophy of the *Other*.

¹⁸ Greek Titan who stole fire from Olympus and gifted it to man, thereby separating man from nature.

¹⁹ Reference to Edgar Allan Poe, often cited as the father of modern horror stories.

²⁰ Palestinian poet, 1941- 2008 noted for his support of a Palestine state.

²¹ Josip Broz Tito, Yugoslavian dictator 1953-1980.

²² Osip Mandelstam, Russian poet who died in Stalin's gulag in 1938.

²³ Reference to Mao Zedong's long march in 1934/35.

and Pinochet's Chile

Love me Papa
wretched red
spread my legs on your pyre
kiss me Papa
taste my leviathan tongue
my pussy inferno
aches for you

bring your saber
raise my hands
bring your soldiers Daddy
bring your soldiers

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