

## BUSINESS TRIPS

not too long before  
i quit the finance company  
the boss came up to me  
and said

"Now what would you think of a guy who called home  
and asked to listen to a Grateful Dead album  
on the telephone from New Jersey?"

i could see that he was in no mood  
for fucking around and that of course  
i would be measured  
by my reply.

"Well" i lied

"at least i didn't put it  
on the expense account."

## JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

i wouldn't shut up  
or stop my loud farting  
in the classroom  
so the teacher said  
"okay stroberg, that's it  
let's go out in the hallway."  
i'd been through this before.  
he would yell and cuss me out  
then he'd slap me around a little  
and that would be it.  
not this time.  
i was told  
that i was going  
to run continuous laps  
around the school building  
until the t.v. coverage  
of america's first space shot was over  
or school ended  
whichever came first.  
naturally  
i let the air out of his tires.  
what choice did i have?

-- Paul Stroberg

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