

the narrow macadam road leading to it
winds thru farm country
thru small redneck towns
that don't seem like California
at all.

you feel like you're driving
on a pontoon
the road cutting thru tidelands
the bay just a few feet
from your tires
gulls lining the road
like hitchhikers
thick cattails growing wild
an abandoned radio station.

a pontoon back thru time
Hank Williams on the radio
instead of Neil Young
crawfish pie more important
than acoustics.

you might want to stop &
get some cattails
see if they still keep
the mosquitoes away.

small press scene

the little mag as starlet couch
drop your drawers for the editor
& his casting crew
you'll make the big time
one day kid
meanwhile stretch out here
show your long legs off
tighten up your lines
don't worry about a thing
I been doing this 20 years
ain't seen nothing the likes
of you
relax, roll over there
show me some more leg
baby.