

he said no, and walked the streets all day,  
it got cold that night  
and he found this motel  
and the man looked at him through a little hole  
in the door  
and he said, all I've got is this room and it costs  
eighteen dollars.  
eighteen dollars? he asked  
yes, said the man talking from the little hole,  
if you want the room  
pass me 18 dollars through this hole.  
so, being weakened with afflictions,  
he passed the 18 dollars through the hole  
and got the key and went up to the room,  
it was a terrible room  
but it had a bed  
and he thought, maybe a night's sleep will help,  
but he couldn't sleep,  
it was the toilet, the toilet made so much noise,  
so he went back to the man who stood behind the  
hole in the door and he said,  
I can't sleep, it's the toilet, the toilet is keeping  
me awake, please fix it,  
and the man said, the toilet is all right, go back to  
your room and go to sleep,  
and then the hole closed and all he could see  
was the door and he beat on the door and the door  
wouldn't open,  
and he went outside and found two cases of empty  
coke bottles by the vending machine and he began  
throwing coke bottles  
through the motel owner's window  
and it was a large plate glass window  
and the police came and grabbed him and took him away,  
they put him in the madhouse and  
he sat on the toilet and masturbated,  
he stayed in the madhouse 19 days, masturbating  
most of the time,  
and when he got out  
he got on his motorcycle  
and drove all the way back to Peru  
no longer in love with the lady who had written him  
the letter from Boston.

#### THERE'S PEOPLE IN PLACES WHERE SNOW LIVES

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12  
12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1  
the ability to translate life into  
art or sense,  
the dog's head is all swollen to one  
side  
H. Hesse is dead  
there's people in places where snow  
lives

my love limps on one foot  
and I feel that somehow  
the barracuda is  
damned  
14-7786  
wrong number  
city lights telegraph nothing  
I've lost my putty  
knife.

-- Charles Bukowski

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