

When a poet reaches this plateau, he is treated with an odd strain of affection and given honors. His work is printed eventually in the new text books that are opened by the new children on a new first day of school.

-- John Bennett
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PAC & DASH

Latest macho trip in Sacramento
for underage males
is "pac & dash."
Takes minimum of 2.
One to drive one
to dash into Quick
Stop grab 6 pac
& dash out
& peel away.

DRIVING ELKHORN BLVD HOME

saw myself
10 maybe 9
braced against tailgate
(front full of grownups)
pulling pin with teeth
lobbing grenades at
enemy tanks half-tracks
foot soldiers catching
them all by
surprise.

ENTERTAINER

I dont hear the
Mockingbird mock.
He entertains
with wide variety
of borrowed tunes.
Like most musicians.

FORTY

BRIDGE

Last week hung our
grass Guahibo hammock
between roof & Silver Maple.
Today it's occupied.
Tiny black ants traveling
long narrow trail
use it for a bridge.

Midnite. Sit & try
to figure it out.
How far I've come.
How much I've got left.
How much time ...
Begin to doubt.
In fit of melancholy
think of my weaknesses ...
failures as father
husband son.
Start on my if onyls.
Use them as whip
ass whipping ass
in good old
American style.