

One of them writes songs and has  
a band. One just wants to pay  
the bills. The other dances.  
I'm going to be forty-four this  
year and I wonder what I want to be  
when I grow old.

-- Ann Menebroker

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FOR KENNETH PATCHEN

maybe the fact that  
i  
grew up around  
Wheeling  
lets me understand  
your little  
orange bears  
better  
than any  
Rockefeller  
or  
even a  
Kennedy.

ST. JUKE

some say eternity is  
forever. that's what  
it's all about. well  
you take it. i can't  
deal with that. give  
me some wine and a  
piece of Trakl's nightmare.  
at least i'm at home there.  
now don't cry to me. that's  
your thing. i got my scars.  
paid some heavy dues. baby  
i'm a lifetime allpaidup  
charter member. so here:  
take it. you take eternity.  
i'll settle for her smile.

-- Steve Troyanovich

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