

# Oklahoma

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Look mom  
They're gonna fry tim mcvey  
She said 'the nice guy who's on the cover of all those magazines?  
Why would they want to do a thing like that?'  
I said cause he killed all those people  
In oklahoma city  
She said nonsense  
People don't kill people  
Carbombs kill people  
I said well yea mom but they gotta do something with him  
She said why don't they just get mike tyson  
To bite off both his ears  
And I said

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A little girl down my block was born  
With siliconin her breasts  
It turned out her grandma and her mother  
Both had the implants done well  
Evolution took care of it this time around  
And I wondered what it is about  
So many women with big breasts  
Make it look so sad and I thought well  
Maybe it has something to do with the weight  
The burden there is to carry in the world  
To have to feed it  
To be the object of its desires and  
I wondered what burdens the rest of us  
Are carrying all the time

I couldn't help thinking  
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I decided to go for a walk  
And not do nothing except look everyone I see in the eyes  
And not be the first one to avert my eyes  
No matter what  
And I was planning to be gone for 10 minutes  
But things started happening and I didn't return for two years  
By which time I was the heavyweight champion of the world  
And the expectant father of 16 children  
By 13 different women

I was in a fishing village in the coast of spain  
It was our lady of abortions sunday afternoon  
All the pregnant women in their first trimester  
Were filing before the priest  
To receive their blessing of

Try again sometime, try again  
The old barber had died his hair green for the occasion  
And pierced his nipples and  
Was riding his skateboard to the statue  
Of conan o'brien  
Where he was doing backflips for the kids  
Who threw coins  
Given to them by their parents

The visiting lecturer  
Achingly handsome  
Just finished giving a  
How to build bombs in your basement  
Seminar in the park  
All the young girls put away their  
Notebooks dreamily  
The chimpanzee who had managed to  
Type out hamlet three years before  
Was sitting in the third floor office of a  
Drivers license building  
Typing out zoning ordinances  
Typing out learners permits  
Bored and lonely

Pee wee herman was sitting in the  
Central square on the grass  
Naked and masturbating  
While all the townspeople moved to him  
Slowly and kissed him softly and sung him  
Lullabies in the grass  
And in burkley and in greenwhich village  
And in paris and scottsbluff nebraska  
No one sits around in funky little coffee shops  
Anymore talking about revolution  
No they get a starbucks to go  
And they go back to their basketball games  
Where they see who can jump higher  
Who can jam  
Who can take it to the rafts  
And they all wear baseball caps  
Except they don't say yankees or dodgers  
They say nike, reebok, adidas  
Cause the pro players don't play for teams anymore  
They play for shoe companies  
And the kids aren't fooled  
Nah they're just biding their time  
Waiting for the millenium to come  
When all the computers will crash  
Cause all the brilliant scientists of the world  
Forgot to make them read  
Zeros

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Now sitting there with a head full of dark thoughts  
Like I sometimes get  
Suddenly everything cleared  
And I realized the only purpose

For revolution is to be able to love  
Who you want  
How you want  
When you want and  
Where you want  
So I took off all my clothes  
Stole a boat and rowed out to the middle of the lake  
And jumped in  
And I looked back at you  
And said come on  
Get wet

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