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*The Unreconstructed Activist*

**Clearwater Festival**

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Beginning in July of 1974, I wandered about, more or less totally crazy , in and out of hospitals in the region between Chicago, Montreal, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Almost exactly a year later I ended up at the Catholic Worker Farm in Tivoli, NY, a sleepy village in Northern Dutchess County on the east side of the Hudson River. A long convalescence there lasted about 4 years, 1975-79.

Since then a number of years have been passed in Ulster County, at roughly the same latitude on the western banks of the river : 1981 to 1983 in News Paltz; 1987-88; 89-90 in Highland, directly across the river from Poughkeepsie; and 1991-92 in Woodstock.

A strong attachment has developed through these years of association with the Hudson Valley. This is expressed in the following chant: <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>In these chants the internal dynamics, which vary frequently , should be supplied by the consumer.

## River Water Chant

♩ = 80 (Middle A)

River Water Flows Along The River Water/  
Flows Along The River/  
Water Flows Along The River/  
Water Flows Along.

River Water Flows Along The River Water/  
Flows Along The River/  
Water Flows Along The River/  
Water Flows Along.

The River Water Flows Along The River/  
Flows Along The River Water/  
Flows Along The River;  
Water Flows Along The River Water.

The River Water Flows Along The River/  
Flows Along The River Water/  
Flows Along The River;  
Water Flows Along the River Water.

(Slightly Faster)

River Water Flows Along The River Water/  
Flows Along The River/  
Water Flows Along The River/  
Water Flows Along.

River Water Flows Along The River Water/  
Flows Along The River/


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Water Flows Along The River/  
Water Flows Along.

The River Water Flows Along The River/  
Flows Along The River Water/  
Flows Along The River;  
Water Flows Along The River Water.

The River Water Flows Along The River/  
Flows Along The River Water/  
Flows Along The River;  
Water Flows Along the River Water.

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River Water Flows Along The River Water,  
Flows Along The River Water,  
Flows Along;

River Water Flows Along The River Water,  
Flows Along The River Water,  
Flows Along;

Flows Along The River Water, River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water;  
Flows Along The River Water; River Water ON the River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water; River Water ON the River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water; ON The River Water.

Flows Along The River Water, River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water;  
Flows Along The River Water; River Water ON the River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water; River Water ON the River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water; ON The River Water.

Flows Along The River Water, River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water;  
Flows Along The River Water; River Water ON the River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water; River Water ON the River Water/  
Flows Along The River Water; ON The River Water.

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Riv'er Water, Riv'er River Wa'ter, River Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water  
Riv'er Water, Riv'er River Wa'ter, River Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water  
River Riv'er Water, River Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water, River Riv'er Water  
Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water, River Riv'er Water

Riv'er Water, Riv'er River Wa'ter, River Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water  
Riv'er Water, Riv'er River Wa'ter, River Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water  
River Riv'er Water, River Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water, River Riv'er Water  
Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water, Riv'er Water, River Riv'er Water

(Soft & Swift)


River Water Waves, River River Water, River Water Waves, River Water  
River Water Waves, River River Water, River Water Waves, River Water  
River Water Waves, River River Water, River Water Waves, River Water  
River Water Waves, River River Water, River Water Waves, River Water

(Fairly Slow, about  = 60 , lilting, well enunciated)

Water Waves. Water Waves, River Water Waves  
River Water Waves, Water Waves,  
Water Waves, River Water Waves, River Water Waves,  
River Water Waves, Water Waves. Water Waves

Water Waves. Water Waves, River Water Waves  
River Water Waves, Water Waves,  
Water Waves, River Water Waves, River Water Waves,  
River Water Waves, Water Waves. Water Waves

Water Waves. Water Waves, River Water Waves  
River Water Waves, Water Waves,  
Water Waves, River Water Waves, River Water Waves,  
River Water Waves, Water Waves. Water Waves

 = 80 (Louder, more emphatic)

Win'dy Wa'ter, Waves' of Wa'ter Wheel'ing, Waves' of Sil'ver Whirl'ing  
Wa'ter, Sil'ver Whirl'ing Waves' of Wa'ter, Waves' of Wind'y Wa'ter  
Wheel'ing

Win'dy Wa'ter, Waves' of Wa'ter Wheel'ing, Waves' of Sil'ver Whirl'ing  
Wa'ter, Sil'ver Whirl'ing Waves' of Wa'ter, Waves' of Wind'y Wa'ter  
Wheel'ing

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Win'dy Wa'ter, Waves' of Wa'ter Wheel'ing, Waves' of Sil'ver Whirl'ing  
Wa'ter, Sil'ver Whirl'ing Waves' of Wa'ter, Waves' of Wind'y Wa'ter  
Wheel'ing

♩=80

Windy Water Wheeling/ Windy Water Wheeling/Water/ Windy Water  
Wheeling,  
Windy Water Wheeling/ Windy Water Wheeling/Water/ Windy Water  
Wheeling,

♩=90

Windy Water Wheeling/Wheeling Windy /Water Wheeling Water  
Windy Water Wheeling/Wheeling Windy/ Water Wheeling Water  
Windy Water Wheeling/Wheeling Windy /Water Wheeling Water  
Windy Water Wheeling/Wheeling Windy/ Water Wheeling Water

(Brief Pause)

♩=100+

Riv'er Run'-Around , A Run'-Around/  
A River Run-Around , A River Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around , A Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around , A Run-Around/  
A River Run-Around ,A River Run-Around ,A River Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around ,A Run-Around/

Riv'er Run'-Around , A Run'-Around/  
A River Run-Around , A River Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around , A Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around , A Run-Around/  
A River Run-Around ,A River Run-Around ,A River Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around ,A Run-Around/

River Run-Around the Water Waves, the Water Waves/  
River Water Run-Around A Run-Around the Water Waves/  
River Run-Around the Water Waves;

River Run-Around the Water Waves, the Water Waves/  
River Water Run-Around A Run-Around the Water Waves/  
River Run-Around the Water Waves;

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River Water Run-Around the Water Waves,  
A Run-Around the Water Waves/  
A Run Around the Water/  
Run-Around the Water Waves.

River Water Run-Around the Water Waves,  
A Run-Around the Water Waves/  
A Run Around the Water/  
Run-Around the Water Waves.

River Water Run-Around the Water Waves,  
A Run-Around the Water Waves/  
A Run Around the Water/  
Run-Around the Water Waves.

River Water Run-Around the Water Waves,  
A Run-Around the Water Waves/  
A Run Around the Water/  
Run-Around the Water Waves.

(Louder, more forceful)

Riv'er Run'-Around , A Run'-Around/  
A River Run-Around , A River Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around , A Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around , A Run-Around/  
A River Run-Around ,A River Run-Around ,A River Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around ,A Run-Around/

Riv'er Run'-Around , A Run'-Around/  
A River Run-Around , A River Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around , A Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around , A Run-Around/  
A River Run-Around ,A River Run-Around ,A River Run-Around/  
A River River Run-Around ,A Run-Around/

(Soft and slow, growing in volume and speed)

River Run Around A Hidden Valley, Hidden Valley Hidden by the River  
Run-Around/  
River Run-Around A Run-Around A River/  
River Run Around A Hidden Valley, Hidden Valley Hidden by the River  
Run-Around/

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River Run Around A Hidden Valley, Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around/

River Run-Around A Run-Around A River/

River Run Around A Hidden Valley, Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around/

River Run-Around A River,

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling/

River Run-Around A River Run-Around,

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling/

River Run-Around A River Run-Around

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in A River Run-Around,

River Run -Around/

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in A River Run-Around,

River Run-Around/

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in a Hidden Valley,

Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around/

River Run-Around A River,

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling/

River Run-Around A River Run-Around,

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling/

River Run-Around A River Run-Around

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in A River Run-Around,

River Run -Around/

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in A River Run-Around,

River Run-Around/

Silver Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in a Hidden Valley,

Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around/

River Run-Around A Hidden Valley/

Hidden Valley Hidden by the Silver Waves of Windy Water/

Silver Whirling Waves of Water/

Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in a Hidden Valley/

Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around/

River Run-Around A Hidden Valley/

Hidden Valley Hidden by the Silver Waves of Windy Water/

Silver Whirling Waves of Water/

Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in a Hidden Valley/

Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around/

River Run-Around A Hidden Valley/

Hidden Valley Hidden by the Silver Waves of Windy Water/

Silver Whirling Waves of Water/

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Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in a Hidden Valley/  
Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around/

River Run-Around A Hidden Valley/  
Hidden Valley Hidden by the Silver Waves of Windy Water/  
Silver Whirling Waves of Water/  
Waves of Windy Water Wheeling in a Hidden Valley/  
Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around/

Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around,  
Hidden by the River Run-Around/  
Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around, Run-Around.

Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around,  
Hidden by the River Run-Around/  
Hidden Valley Hidden by the River Run-Around, Run-Around.

Hidden by the River Run-Around, by the River Run-Around/  
Hidden by the River Run-Around, by the River Run-Around/  
By the River Run-Around, Run-Around/  
By the River Run-Around, Run-Around/  
By the Run-Around/  
Run-Around, Run-Around, Run-Around, Run-Around.....



The Hudson Valley is under constant siege by environmental threats from industrial interests. The list of primary threats includes :

(a) PCB's and other carcinogenic pollutants from the General Electric plants in Schenectady. At one point the contamination was so bad that it was forbidden to fish in the river. The Clearwater Foundation, its sloop, and the Festival, must be given the credit for turning this situation around. The river has been cleaned up and it is once again open to fishing, although General Electric continues to treat it like a sewer and much more work needs to be done.

(b) Urban expansion from New York City. Most of the spillover from the Big Apple is still being absorbed by Long Island and Westchester County, to the south. The habitual pattern for New Yorkers



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coming up this far north, is that it takes them about a year to discover that they can never find anything they want when they need it. This generates a reverse exodus with no complaints from the locals. The Maginot line that halts the invasion seems to be drawn in this area, over the river between Poughkeepsie and New Paltz.

(c) Nuclear Power Plants. This was the most serious threat of the 70's . Eight electric utilities set up a consortium to seed the valley with nuclear power plants all the way up to Albany. Had they succeeded the Hudson River would have become the stockpile of the greatest concentration of nuclear waste in the world. The result was a strong anti-nuclear movement which became a major factor in thwarting the rapacity of the electric utilities. Time was on our side in this campaign as the industry was already dying through mismanagement, the construction and maintenance costs due to increasingly stringent safety regulations, the inability to find sites for long-term storage of nuclear wastes, and so on. The following Uranium Chant comes from this period:

## Uranium Chant

Uranium Anium Anium Anium	Anium Anium Uranium Anium
Uranium Anium Anium Anium	Anium Anium Uranium Anium
Uranium Anium Anium Anium	Anium Anium Uranium Anium
Uranium Anium Anium Anium	Anium Anium Uranium Anium

Anium Anium Uranium, Yum! Yum! Yum!  
 Anium Anium Uranium, Yum! Yum!  
 Uranium Anium Anium , Yum! Yum! Yum!  
 Uranium Anium Anium , Yum! Yum!

Anium Anium Uranium, Yum! Yum! Yum!  
 Anium Anium Uranium, Yum! Yum!  
 Uranium Anium Anium , Yum! Yum! Yum!  
 Uranium Anium Anium , Yum! Yum!

Uranium Anium Anium Anium Uranium Anium Anium Anium  
 Uranium Anium Anium Anium Anium Anium Anium Uranium Anium!  
 Uranium Anium Anium Anium Uranium Anium Anium Anium  
 Uranium, Uranium, Uranium, Uranium, Uranium Anium Anium Anium!

Uranium, Yum! Yum! Uranium Yum! Uranium Yum! Yum! Yum!  
 Uranium Yum! Uranium Anium Anium Anium

Uranium, Yum! Yum! Uranium Yum! Uranium Yum! Yum! Yum!  
 Uranium Yum! Uranium Anium Anium Anium

Anium Anium, Yum!Yum! Anium Anium Anium Anium  
 Anium Anium, Yum!Yum! Anium Anium Anium Anium  
 Anium Anium Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum!  
 Anium Anium Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum!

Yumanium Yumanium Yumanium Yumanium  
 Yumanium Yumanium Yumanium Yumanium

MANIYAyayayayayayayayaya .....

MANIYAyayayayayayayayaya .....

**MANIYA-YA-YA-YA-YA-YA-YAH!!!**

(Fine)

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## II.

Urine Urine Urine,Urine Urine Urine,Urine Urine Urine,Urine Urine  
Urine  
Urine Urine Urine,Urine Urine Urine,Urine Urine Urine,Urine Urine  
Urine

Urine Urine Urine, Urine Urine Ur/Inure Inure Inure, Inure Inure  
Inure  
Urine Urine Urine, Urine Urine Ur/Inure Inure Inure, Inure Inure  
Inure

Urine Urine Urine, Urine Urine Urine /Inner Inner Inner, Inner Inner  
Inner  
Urine Urine Urine, Urine Urine Urine /Inner Inner Inner, Inner Inner  
Inner  
Urine Urine Urine, Urine Urine Urine /Inner Inner Inner, Inner Inner  
Inner

Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner,  
Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner,

Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure,  
Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure,

Inure Inure Inure, Inure Inure Inure  
Inure Inure Inure, Inure Inure Inure

Injure Injure Injure, Injure Injure Injure,  
Urine Urine Urine, Urine Urine Urine  
Injure Injure Injure, Injure Injure Injure,  
Inure Inure Inure, Inure Inure Inure  
Injure Injure Injure, Injure Injure Injure,  
Inner Inner Inner, Inner Inner Inner  
Injure Injure Injure, Injure Injure Injure,  
Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner,  
Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner,

Inure Inure Inure, Inure Inure Inure,  
Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner,  
Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner, Urine Inure Inner  
Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure,  
Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure,

Inure Inure Inure, Inure Inure Inure  
Inure Inure Inure, Inure Inure Inure

Injure Anium, Injure Anium, Injure Anium Anium Anium  
 Urine Urine Urine, Urine Urine Urine  
 Injure Anium, Injure Anium, Injure Anium Anium Anium  
 Urine Inure Urine Inure Urine Inure Urine Inure  
 Injure Anium, Injure Anium, Injure Anium Anium Anium  
 Inner Inner Inner Inner, Inner Inner Inner Inner  
 Injure Anium, Injure Anium, Injure Anium Anium Anium  
 Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner Inure, Urine Inner  
 Inure  
 Inner Inure, Inner Inure, Inner Inure, Inner Inure, Inner Inure, Inner  
 Inure,  
 Inure. Inure. Inure. Inure. Inure. Inure,.....  
 (SLOW) Geranium, Geranium, Geranium, Geranium,.....  
 Anium, Anium, Anium, Anium.....

### III.

Yum!  
 YUMMY!  
 Yum!  
 YUMMY!  
 Yum!  
 YUMMY! YUMMY! YUMMY!

Yum!  
 YUMMY!  
 Yum!  
 YUMMY!  
 Yum!  
 YUMMY! YUMMY! YUMMY!

(Slow Growing in Intensity)

Yummy! Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!  
 Yummy! Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!  
 Yummy! Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!  
 Yummy! Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!

(Suddenly Rapid, Soft , Metrical)

Yummy Jhana Yummy Jhana Jhana Yummy Jhana

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Yummy Jhana Yummy Jhana Jhana Yummy Jhana  
Yummy Jhana Yummy Jhana Jhana Yummy Jhana  
Yummy Jhana Yummy Jhana Jhana Yummy Jhana

Yummy Jhana Yummy Jhana Jhana Jhana Yummy Jhana  
Yummy Jhana Yummy Jhana Jhana Jhana Yummy Jhana  
Yummy Jhana Yummy Jhana Jhana Jhana Yummy Jhana  
Yummy Jhana Yummy Jhana Jhana Jhana Yummy Jhana

Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Jhana  
Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Jhana  
Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Jhana

Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Jhana Jhana  
Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Jhana Jhana  
Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Yum Jhana Jhana Jhana

(Controlled; not too fast)

In Geranium! Jhana Uranium! In Geranium! Jhana Uranium!  
Jhana Uranium! In Geranium! Jhana Jhana Jhana Uranium!  
In Geranium! Jhana Uranium! In Geranium! Jhana Uranium!  
Jhana Uranium! In Geranium! Jhana Jhana Jhana Uranium!

Yum! Uranium, Yum! Uranium,  
Yummy, Yum! Uranium! Yum! Uranium  
Yummy, Yum! Uranium! , Yum! Uranium  
Yummy, Yum! Uranium! , Yum! Uranium  
Yummy, Yum! Uranium! , Yum! Uranium

Yum! Jhana Yummy! Jhana Yum! Uranium Anium Anium  
Yummy Jhana Jhana Yummy Yum! Uranium Anium Anium  
Yum! Jhana Yummy! Jhana Yum! Uranium Anium Anium  
Yummy Jhana Jhana Yummy Yum! Uranium Anium Anium

GeRAYnium, GeRAYnium, GeRAYnium, GeRAYnium.....  
Uranium Uranium, Uranium Uranium Uranium.....  
Anium Anium Anium Anium.....

## IV

Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom  
Atom,  
Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom  
Atom,

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Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata  
Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata

Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom  
Atom,  
Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata  
Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom Atom, Atom Atom  
Atom,  
Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata,Mata Mata Mata

I Meta Meta I Meta, I Mata Mata I Mata  
I Meta Meta I Meta, I Mata Mata I Mata  
I Meta Meta I Meta, I Mata Mata I Mata  
I Meta Meta I Meta, I Mata Mata I Mata

I Meta Tomato, I Meta I Meta Tomato, I Meta Meta I Meta Tomato  
I Meta Tomato, I Meta I Meta Tomato, I Meta Meta I Meta Tomato  
I Meta Tomato, I Meta I Meta Tomato, I Meta Meta I Meta Tomato

I MET A URANIUM ATOM!

I Met A Uranium Atom, I Met A Uranium Atom, I Met A Uranium Atom,  
I Met A Uranium Atom, I Met A Uranium Atom, I Met A Uranium Atom,

I Meta Tomato, I Meta I Meta Tomato, I Meta Meta I Meta Tomato  
I Meta Tomato, I Meta I Meta Tomato, I Meta Meta I Meta Tomato  
I Meta Tomato, I Meta I Meta Tomato, I Meta Meta I Meta Tomato

I MET A PLUTONIUM ATOM!

I Met A Plutonium Atom, I Met A Plutonium Atom, I Met A Plutonium  
Atom,  
I Met A Plutonium Atom, I Met A Plutonium Atom, I Met A Plutonium  
Atom,

Plutonium Onium Onium Onium Onium Onium Plutonium Onium  
Plutonium Onium Onium Onium Onium Onium PlutoniumOnium

Anium Onium Anium Onium Anium Onium Anium Onium  
AniINium AniONium AniONium AniONium.....  
Onium Onium Onium Onium.....

Atom Meta, Atom Meta, Atom Meta Meta, Atom Meta, Atom Meta Meta

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Atom Meta, Atom Meta, Atom Meta Meta, Atom Meta, Atom Meta Meta

Yum! Jhana Yummy! Jhana Yum! Uranium Anium Anium  
Yummy Jhana Jhana Yummy Yum! Uranium Anium Anium

(VERY SLOW, CRESCENDO )

Yum! Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy .....  
Yum! Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy .....  
Yum! Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy .....

OM OM OM OM

OM OM OM OM

OM OM OM OM ..... (DaCapo al Fine)



Bard College is in Annandale, 3 miles south of Tivoli. Between 1977 and 1979 I served as its "Radical in Residence" . Battles were fierce with no quarter being given on either side. Out of this experience came a proliferation of tactics of guerrilla warfare against campus authorities, some of which I continue to employ even in today's enlightened and progressive world. Although the "causes" were not the real *causes* for all the sound and fury, they served their purpose as the rationale for both sides. A short-list includes:

(a) Bard's Higher Education Opportunities Program which seemed to me to be primarily set up for the exploitation of minorities. Bard hasn't ever felt too comfortable with persons born on the other side of the tracks. To give a telling example: the college spent many years looking for a teacher of jazz music ( Their music department is actually quite good. I should know; I spent several years running after all the women in it.) . After rejecting numerous black candidates, distinguished scholars among them, they settled on a recently minted PhD from Princeton of the dominant race; not that he had anything wrong with him, indeed a most decent human being .

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(b) Seminars in math and English for these minority students which , in the words of its chairman “ made the English department look bad.”

(c) Anti-Nuclear activities. Bard College had a policy of not endorsing “advocacy groups”. We were allowed to form a ‘Nuclear Power Study Group’, provided that my name never appeared anywhere on any official communication ( I had by that time a dozen or more bans on me from the college) . A professor from the physics department joined the group to make sure we were studying and not advocating. I’m happy to say that we turned him into an advocate.

(c) Auditing 3 classes. The school didn’t like this , but there was nothing it could do as I had gotten letters of authorization from all of their teachers.

(d) Bans: The policy of Bard College and similar places, on banning unwanted persons from the campus goes something like this:

(i) A student doesn’t like looks of someone they’ve seen on campus.

(ii) The student complains to the Dean of Students.

(iii) Result: The person receives a letter banning him permanently from the campus.

(iv) If he also belongs to a local organization, it is liable to receive a letter from the college banning the entire membership.

Examples:

(1) The seminary of the Unification Church is just down the road from the college. Sometime in the 70’s, Reverend Moon was arrested for holding some kind of business meeting on its grounds. He was taken down to the Dutchess County Jail. His lawyer brokered a deal with the college whereby he would not be charged provided he signed a



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document stating that no Moonies were to be allowed on the Bard campus.

(2) Because the college didn't like me, the entire Catholic Worker was permanently banned from the campus in 1978.

(3) A railroad worker sitting in its cafeteria apparently upset some young scion of the Vanderbilts or Pierpont Morgans. As a result, all of the personnel on the Amtrak railroad crews have been permanently banned from the campus.

(iv) Banning involves no due process. No right of confrontation with accuser. No right of appeal. A ban may be overlooked, but it is never taken off the books.

(v) Bard is the only cultural and intellectual resource for the adult population of Northern Dutchess County: libraries, lectures, concerts, seminars. Thousands in the region are therefore denied access to these things because of this capricious policy of banning.

I ignored the bans. For some reason it never occurred to me that they had any meaning. Even after half a dozen terms in local jails. Upon every release a new ban was issued. As Bard bans are *in perpetuity*, each reiteration merely re-inforced their unenforceability.

*The Bard of Rhinebeck* relates a true incident of this historic period. Leon Botstein was, and still is, Bard's President. A man overwhelmed by circumstances, I was just one circumstance too many. Rhinebeck is about 5 miles to the south. Foster's Coach House is an eating place. A Blitzburger is made with steer meat. Adolph's is a tavern within walking distance from the college.

## **The Bard of Rhinebeck**

Those who know have told me that it's hard  
For working folk to find a job at BARD!  
So while I wait for offers to come in

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I stand in streets and play my violin!

Last month, when I was desperate for grub  
I set up shop in front of Foster's Pub  
Laying the fiddle case upon the ground  
I filled the Rhinebeck streets with classical sound  
With Mendelssohn, Fritz Kreisler and Ravel  
Wieniewski, the Chaconne of Pachelbel  
Came dinnertime, the clientele threw dimes  
"Keep playing" someone said, "These are rough times."

And when to lofty heights my music sped  
Outside the door a waitress stuck her head  
Quoth she: "Your music gives me such a thrill!  
Can you repeat the way you did that trill?"

I know you! Aren't you working at the school  
Where every student owns a swimming-pool?  
My guess is that you're on the faculty  
My husband's chief of their Security!"

" Indeed I am ! and giving several courses  
On words; notes; numbers; balances of forces  
I know you husband, I meet him every day  
Tell him to come around to hear me play!"

Soon afterwards, when I had hit my stride  
Performing Bach, which is my special pride  
A limousine approached, transporting BOT-STEIN

# 19...

He also plays the violin, like EIN-STEIN

His reputation must be known to all  
He reigns as PRESIDENT in College Hall  
He's often promised me some kind of job  
Privately, he thinks I'm just a slob!  
He squinted at me through the window-pane  
Confirmed again that I must be insane  
Suspected that his image was at stake  
That someone might discover: he's a fake!

Botstein parked his vehicle in town  
Walked back to Foster's, there to face me down  
My only purpose was to please  
I played the Minuetto, *Für Elise*

" Hello, Roy: Are you making any money?"  
The way he said it sounded funny  
"Too little, Leon; I may have to move."  
"Gee, Roy; I really hope it does improve!"

Botstein met his friends inside to dine  
On antipastos, *Blitzburgers* and wine,  
To hone his platitudes on willing ears.  
They finished up at Adolph's over beers.

Wolfing chunks of steer-meat on his knife  
The President made small talk with his wife  
The musical waitress, begging their consent,

# 20...

Asked them to tell her more about 'that gent'!

"I couldn't work, he plays so very well  
That lovely tone is clearer than a bell!  
He said he's fond of playing in the yard  
Between the classes that he gives at Bard!"

Half masticated gobs of meat were spewed  
On family, friends and several plates of food;  
Great gusts of wind belched outwards from his lung;  
The tines of Leon's fork went through his tongue!

His face turned green, then red, then blue, then brown;  
He gripped the walls and climbed them up and down;  
His eyes bulged forth like rotting plums when squished;  
And all agreed, the man was really pished!

*How dare that bum impersonate the school!*  
How dare he always make me seem a fool!  
I'll ride him out of Rhinebeck on a pole  
I'll make him spend his days upon the dole!"

"I'll deal with him!" he cried, and through the door  
He raced outside; where he could not ignore  
The pacifying strains of music's charms  
Rocking him like a babe in mother's arms.

So back he went, defeated at his game,  
Yet harboring a gnawing sense of shame

#21...

Because he knew, THAT ONLY HE CAN WIN  
WHO BEST PERFORMS UPON THE VIOLIN!



# 22...

For a few years in the 60's and 70's, I worked as a traditional activist in the civil rights and anti-war movements in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Participation in a draft-card burning demonstration in New York's Union Square in 1965, led to 5 months in jail in 1972. My time was served in the West Side jail in Manhattan, Danbury Penitentiary in Connecticut and Allenwood Penitentiary in Pennsylvania.

The technical name for the shape of the Danbury Penitentiary building is a torus, but it may sound odd to some to be talking about taking breakfast in a 'Dunkin' Torus', so we might as well call it a doughnut. The hole of the doughnut is covered with a grassy lawn.

The big event of the Danbury season is the labor day picnic. It's general demeanor is adequately conveyed in the ballad presented below. One might call it Uncle Sam's tribute to the draft resisters, corrupt politicians and corporate thieves of America.

## Labor Day in Danbury

Every year in Danbury Jail

There is a picnic on the lawn

Trucks deliver dogs and burgers. crummy and stale

*It's Labor Day in Danbury Jail,*

*It's Labor Day in Dan-bury - Jail!*

Heft your haunches, hamburger hacks

You're working at earning your pay

Carry cardboard cartons on your met-lugging backs

*We've got to stuff them cons today*

*We've got to stuff them cons -to-day!*

File up packaged dogs, Labor Day detail  
You're not doing time on the dole  
Rice, relish, watermelon, everything but tail  
*And leave some garbage for the hole*  
*And leave some garbage for- the-hole!*

Human livestock slipping through the mash  
Regurgitating Burger King chow  
Big bellies bloated up with mounds of trash  
*And mooing like a happy cow!*  
*And mooing like a hap-py-cow!*



The arts colony of Barrytown is situated 4 miles down the road from Tivoli. As of the latest count, it lay claim to 3 small presses: Station Hill Press, Left Hand Books and Something Else Press. For many years Barrytown has also be the site of the seminary of the Unification Church. It is here that Moon's missionaries are given basic training in proselytary skills. The disciples at the Seminary were friendly to me, and often invited me to dinner. This led to the inevitable conflict and parting of the ways: I'd no intention of becoming a cult follower of a fascist warlord.

All the same, it is quite remarkable how many parallels one finds between the careers of the Reverend Sun Myung-Moon, Watergate, dirty trickster G. Gordon Liddy , and myself:

All 3 of us have had a hand in shaping the political landscape of Dutchess County. All have done time in Danbury and Allenwood Penitentiaries. We have shared connections as well with the Dutchess County Jail, a foul hellhole if there ever was one: It was there that Moon and I ended up after being charged for trespassing by Bard , while Liddy spent a number of years sending people there . The lawyer who defended Timothy Leary when he was arrested by Liddy in 1967 , Noel Tepper, was the same one who organized my defense against Bard College during my final incarceration in 1979. And Moon and I share the honor of being perpetually banned from the Bard campus - a case of politics making for strange bedfellows, although I think that if I had to share a bed with him I would crawl under it.

In 1984 I learned that Moon was doing time at Danbury for income tax evasion. The fact that he was there because he didn't want to share the money he'd earned through munitions manufacturing, while I'd been sent there for opposing the use of armaments, was a mere



detail. I was in Berkeley, California when I heard the news, and sat down and wrote him a welcoming sermon that he could use to introduce himself to his new friends at Danbury...

## **Reverend Moon Addresses Danbury**

My dearly beloved children ! My dearly beloved disciples!  
Wardens,  
prison guards, fellow clergymen , cons!! The great heart of your blessed Father is filled with Anguish! Troubled by your suspicions! He is troubled by your fears! Full well does he share your misgivings that, for the next 18 months, you are going to have to live with - **The Messiah !**

You may think that it isn't going to be easy living with me. That is not true: It will not be difficult living with the Reverend Sun-Myung-Moon. It will not be difficult living with **The Messiah !** My yoke is easy! My burden is light!

Gentle flock ! You will take less notice of me than of a single blade of grass alone in a great meadow! And why do I say this? : Because my Unification Church , the one true ecumenical church , is the most tolerant and loving religion in all human history!

There are Protestants in my Unification Church!

There are Catholics in my Unification Church!

There are Jews in my Unification Church!

You're even gonna' find some Buddhists and Moslems in my Unification Church! The only creed you will not find in my Unification Church is Godless Communism! ( *On the other hand, even since those Capitalists screwed me royal with this income tax horseshit, we 've started letting in a few Commies, through the back door ....* )

#26...

It is easier to become a member of the Unification Church than it is to join your local YMCA:

First: You give us all your worldly goods.

Second: you out and start making money for me as fast as you can. Many of you may have to wait until you get out of jail.

Lastly, you must unconditionally accept my Godly Immanence, but you don't even have to know what that means, I'll explain it to you later.

My beloved sheep, may ye safely graze! Do all these things in the name of the Korean **Messiah** prophesied in the Bible; and he'll leave you

alone! **Lord, I pray you: Forgive me their trespasses, for they know not what I do!**

Imagine it! That a man, free from all taint of sin should, through Satan's work and the connivance of his wicked enemies, should find himself in the midsts of a pack of hardened crooks like you guys! For I have done no evil! Yeah!: I have done no evil! But great evil has been done unto me!

Why should a man like myself have to pay taxes?

God doesn't pay taxes!

Charles Manson doesn't pay taxes!

David Rockefeller doesn't pay taxes!

Why the hell should **The Messiah** have to pay taxes?

That coin of which the blasphemers speak was rightfully turned in the service of the Lord! Not one penny has ever been used for personal profit!

Because your Reverend Sun-Myung Moon is essentially a poor man. He forgets the last time he went to a night club. The mansions wherein he maketh to dwell are church property, not his. All of his limousines belong to the church. Even the clothes on his back are church property!

He eats nothing but tofu, bean sprouts and ginseng tea. He only sleeps in one bed at a time; yet he has thousands of children all over the world!

Finally, let me assure all of you that **The Messiah** is not a violent

man. The Way of Violence is forever unknown to him. It is only because of circumstances completely beyond his control that he finds himself

*compelled* to curse those reptiles in the I.R.S. who, in the fullness of time,

*will be torn limb from limb, consumed by mangy dogs, massacred and mutilated, burned and impaled, whipped, beaten and bled, flayed, fried and fleeced, sliced, shredded, staked and slashed by the Vengeance of Almighty God!*

AMEN.



The Catholic Worker Farm in Tivoli, NY closed down in 1979. A small core group moved to Marlboro, New York, on the other side of the Hudson River, not far from Newburgh. It was time for me to get back on the road. Hitch-hiking took me to many places until I ended up in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1980, and began a new chapter in my life.

Out on the highways I couldn't avoid noticing all the varieties of "Junk Truck": trucks transporting junk; trucks put together from junk;

trucks converted into junk; trucks transporting trucks reduced to junk;  
everything in between.

It therefore seemed appropriate to conclude this book with this tribute  
to the Open Road, and to junk trucks all over the world:

## Junk Truck Chant

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