

poems by

montage

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for jo one of these days

i'm going to leave you
if only i had the guts
to do it now
while i still need you
— to say "it's over baby"
we're just a "hell" now"
and get the hell out.

i've got to leave you.
we're tied up too tight
by the wrong ropes:
in our lovers' bed
where loneliness
turns to fever
only love is a stranger

we've had it all, baby
except for that
and now the cracks
left by not-loving
are way too wide
for plaster kisses.

But before i leave you
got to beat the part of me
fighting to keep you close
who knows most of me
breast and brain
though you ~~had~~ miss
one more than the other.

Am i right to leave you?
To reject a kind of happiness
to wander off not knowing
whether this was love
and maybe we made it
after all?

i'll find you
this time
whether you want me
or not
damn you anyway
for making me love
a shadow
that runs
gently away
when i reach out
in the darkness

but no more
disappearing act, Shadow
maybe you fear
too much woman
in me
but always
you come back
if i waited long
Enough. no more
waiting love hurts
to find you
this time
i must
go
or
back again
you might
not
come.

Time wounds.

it leaves giant gapping cracks
in your soul
that never close.

Time wounds.

you never forget love
when it comes
and you bleed
till it comes again
and goes
and bleed some more
till all remembering
is one long shooting pain
through a broken brain
filled with fragments:

shattered glass levers
cracked clay feet
screaming sights of ecstasy
too many tears

Time is a bastard.
Whoever said it heals all wounds
was full of shit.

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By Bill Novak

Today's collection of infernal Richard Kneadhead's quotations is dedicated to Haggley Scraggley of York Mills Junior High, who sends in the following.

1. "Every child ought to be more intelligent than his parents." Part of the defence of Clarence Darrow at the famous Scopes (monkey) trial in 1925.

2. "We are so presumptuous that we should wish to be known to the whole world, and even to people who will come when we are no more; and we are so vain that the esteem of five or six persons around us delights and satisfies us." — Pascal, (*Pensees*).

3. "This is a song about a dragon. When I write a song about Pot I'll tell you." (prolonged applause) — Peter Paul and Mary in concert.

4. "It would be an unsound fancy and self-contradictory to expect that things which have never yet been done can be done except by means which have never yet been tried." — Bacon (*Novum Organum*)

5. "When a girl removes her glasses, it does not always add up to an invitation to be kissed. It could mean that she really wishes to massage the bridge of her nose. Doesn't the bridge of your nose ever need massaging — late in the



evening, that is, when you don't have to see where you're going?" — Ann Landers

6. "McCarthy did not look nor feel like a President, not that tall tired man with his bright subtle eyes which could sharpen the razor's edge of a nuance, no, he seemed more like the dean of the finest English department in the land. There wasn't that sense of a man with vast ambition and sufficient character to make it luminous, so there was not that charisma which leaves no argument about the nature of the attempt." — Norman Mailer, (*The Siege of Chicago*).

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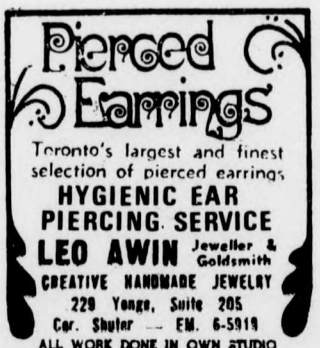
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