

# The Conviction of George Bush !!! —a World Wide Party

Today they convicted George Bush  
for the use of torture, murder by deceit,  
subornation of perjury,  
& conspiracy to shred the Bill of Rights

and the world began to party

Flowers bloomed spontaneously  
Trombones came out of attics by themselves  
and began to play the “Celebration Waltz”

(all chant, with emphasis)  
*Send George Bush to jail!*

Out in Des Moines the birds in the pet shops  
suddenly knew “All you need is love”  
and every single puppy could hold a D minor yowl!

In Italy they turned on all the ancient fountains  
and the ghosts of Roman poets wrote encomia!

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Through the Arc de Triomphe  
400,000 lily-carrying children sang  
the two words of impeachment  
“Égalité..... Liberté”

It was '45 all over again

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In Bohemia the state glass works  
produced a million blue plates of Absolute Joy!  
to be given out free to the tourists of Prague!

654,000 tapdancers were seen in Santiago  
surging past the house of Pablo Neruda  
while the stolen books of '73 were repaired

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Petrarch and Laura appeared holding hands  
and watching the boat races along the Arno

beneath the bridge of sighs

Out of the mound of Troy  
came the mother of Patroclus  
with a basket of pomegranates  
to heal the soul-wounds of Bush's many killings

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On the cliffs of Leucadia  
ancient Sappho sang  
"There'll be freedom to live as we love now  
that he is gone"

The voice of Thomas Jefferson  
came across Virginia to ask that all citizens' debts  
to banks be forgiven

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Anita Ekberg swam naked and alone in the Trevi Fountain  
she was so excited at George's barring  
and Catullus wrote three poems at the marvel

500,000 legless humans from U.S. and Chinese land mines  
clicked their crutches to the beat as  
Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" played from giant helicopters  
to lift the millions of unexploded land mines  
out of the blood fields  
& into U.N. casks

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Paul Bowles sent a waterpipe from Tangier  
to Corso, Ginsberg and Orlovksy  
in room 27 of the Beat Hotel on rue Git le Coeur  
to celebrate the good news

Cassandra stands on Pennsylvania Avenue  
and weeps this time with surprise  
because the world at last is listening to her words,  
"Goodbye George, your house has fallen without ashes!"

*Party yay! party say!  
Time to dance all day!  
and Send George Bush to jail!*

—Edward Sanders