

The Impeachment of George Bush —a World Wide Party

Today they impeached George Bush
and the world began to party

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

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!

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

It was '45 all over again

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

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

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

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

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!