

#### SHE WAS YOUNG AND FLOPPY

Had this long dress swirled all around her She ran to the bus with bags all around her Flopped down in the seat

She was floppy She ran hard

Bags with little blankets stuffed inside To keep her warm in cold offices

Sunglasses to take away the sun Almost ninety degrees today

Beads dangled around her neck

We were on the same bus Going somewhere.....

She was young....She wanted a place to live She wanted a job

She was young and floppy

Probably just working to pay for chance to make art Working day jobs to be an artist



WHO IS THIS GUY?

Riding buses and taking pictures Listening and watching to "Lucero in Concert" On the iPad On the bus On the way home On the end of harvest moon

Smiling at passengers and talking to people

Who is this guy with a new hat?

More like Grandpa on a run Enjoying life at 68



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## TRAVEL ALL THAT DISTANCE AND MORE

Everyday to work Bayshore Express or 43 Masonic Travel across all San Francisco

The fog goes out and I go in Dive into The City.....

Looking at the big buildings in the distance They seem so huge as I walk around Market Street

An unending dream Today Golden Gate Park

Tomorrow back to work through all this distance



## MET THESE TWO GUYS FROM VIETNAM

People we meet and places we get to Just out buying some shelves Two guys from Vietnam

**Buddhists** 

They offered me an apartment close to VA hospital Could walk to work every day.....

The war The wars The endless wars

Blow people up and bring people together These two guys grew up in time of conflict

We met in San Francisco Two Refugees from War One Vietnam Veteran

Brought together

People we meet and places we get to



UNDER THE RISING MOON

Came back to make full circle under the rising moon Daly City off to the side of San Francisco Gradually making my way back to The City

Those were days that passed by and coming back Coming back this night with mind full of memories

Looked over the edge of San Francisco and said Think I will live on the edge, again

Under the rising moon San Francisco-making full circle

## LITTLE THINGS

For five days walked up this street On my way to work and new job Never saw this this little plant Never got to know this shrub

Maybe, it was the light Maybe, it just me

Then, one day the flower and tree Jumped right out at me



#### BACK AT TRADER JOE'S

Fruit juice and Apple Cider Vinegar Running on cleaning out Bile ducts and liver

Food is medicine and Trader Joe's is Where I'm eating

Never mind about eating out Never have the money For restaurants.....

Eat "Take Out" from Trader Joe's And drink fruit juice and Apple Cider Vinegar





# EARLY MORNING BUS EARLY MORNING WORKERS

Workers on the bottom of the heap All seem to leave at this time

I ride with others who clean offices Open up buildings Hold open the doors for others

Taking the bus at this time Is an eye opener for me

Just me and the people who are never seen And do the work to start the "business day"



# CATCHING THE BAYSHORE EXPRESS

Only me at the bus stop Six O Clock every morning

Heading out to 101 Heading out to work

Taking me to downtown San Francisco Looking around tall building and busy City Center

Glad I don't drive and take the bus, Instead





City bus in the fog



# OUT MY SIDE WINDOW LOOKING BACK

Driving across Souix country They moved with dogs and poles

They were here before the horse

When the horses came 400 years ago They were ready

Got to really live in shelter of the horse Through snow storms on the plains Human and Horse side by side

Native people never broke animals They lived with animals, plants and land

They know what the horizon means They know what the first sunrise means

Driving along the sun starts to rise

I will pull off the road and have Sacred Smoke

The Souix never left The plains stayed the same

I am just driving through



# RIDING THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO FOGGY MORNING CITY BUS

Foggy morning City Bus Always wanted to Go somewhere Be someone

Hard scrabble kid From the Midwest

Never satisfied to Stay at home Yet, got to have

Time alone Time with others

Cried many times back here

Many memories San <u>Francisco</u> Taking the buses across town

Seeing buildings and places

Reminds me of the past People I knew

George Moscone was a real person To me...not a Convention Center

We both got drunk on election night 1976 Sitting on table downtown hotel Watching the votes come in and cheering More like a football game

Diane Fienstein was the Mayor Who signed a letter to keep me on the streets I was the clown on the streets Robert Shields and me

He was a mime and I was loud

He stayed in one spot and I moved Market Street to Fisherman's wharf Through North Beach.....

Street urchin went out everyday Rode my bicycle and walked Took the bus, then....also

.....Came back two days ago Just like I never left

Fog and buses Running to catch my connection

Waiting in the fog which is only San Francisco Riding the bus through the fog

Only this life which comes with the The City This City

San Francisco and me Once again.....



## SPREAD MY HAND ACROSS THESE PLAINS

This is still Holy Land where Holy People dwell

Learn from the Land...was my motto for many years Look and listen long enough.....things happen

The sunrise is the start of day-The beginning Of prayers and activities

My prayers are for California and the people Hope that I am good to them As they have been good to me

We have the present We have our times together The new times have started and my head is filled with memories Of the past

Hopes and dreams of the future

The present is just one foot in front of the other

We live on a great continent

Glad I have been given the chance to pass through Glad that I have been the chance to get to know people

Glad that I have been given the gift The chance to look and learn

Put my ear to the ground Listen to drum beat coming from inside this planet

On these plains In this silence

Listen and we can hear the earth speak

Listen The drum beat and the wind as a chorus



HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE?

Boogie Child or just born to Boogie Edge of the universe

I Should Be Dancing or Jive Talkin' Sat on a porch watching birds flying over Listening to Bee Gees Wore blue jeans then and still now

Leaving Nights on East Coast Broadway Going to San Francisco and will walk in "The City" Once again Criss Cross Golden Gate Park and Haight Street Once again Groove out on the sun and Telegraph Avenue East Bay Too much heaven

Getting a lot out of Cigars...lost in smoke Going to heaven and heading out West

Once more



Strengthen the ties in the Americas-would be my suggestion. Settle the disputes with Colombia. Build more bridges with Ecuador. Nicaragua is a great friend and great example-how to live and thrive in the shadow of the Empire. Mexico is coming of age. Canada has hope. Give up on the United States. Twenty years from now, maybe. Get respect, love and appreciation in other parts of the Americas. Also, build with educational, social and medical brigades in other parts of the Americas would be my strategy.



THE HAIGHT WENT .....

From being Crash Pads and cheap rents to: \$3,000 per month rents

The artists moved to Sacramento and Los Angeles Cheaper rents in Los Angeles?

What does that say about the times

Me, just living through these times with these people Enjoying Victorian Houses and city walks

Now, San Francisco is taking photos of how others live Living life here is like watching TV

Passive participants Living with the wealth and opulence of others



# STREET LIGHTS STAY ON AS FOG COMES IN

Nothing is what we think it should be We watch, read, study observe and try to understand We jump out into life and nothing is the same

Long hours and long rides Moving to work across The City

Fred Hill came back to visit and we talked About time to do some things

Now, we just rest up and get back to work Had a dream about Bob Dylan last night

He and I were riding around in car with two other people A ship was coming into the harbor He said, "We got to take a photo of that boat"

I was going to take pictures of all of us He said to me, "Didn't you once sing a song about Oxford?" Wasn't that copying me?"

I said back, "You influenced everyone, even the Beatles" Was that copying?

He laughed and pulled me to the ground and started Rolling around with me in his arms. Laughing while rolling in the grass......

Came to San Francisco to work hard, have dreams And live out the dreams....



# AT THE BUS STOP WAITING FOR MUNI

One more day five in the morning Asleep by eight at night and at the stop After six

Ready to move across town See this city from the windows of moving bus Seeing places where people live Watching other people leave for work

Nobody really needs a car in San Francisco Muni runs all the time. Everywhere



## MOVING ACROSS THE CITY

Coming up Masonic and going to Haight Street These are the streets that I once knew well

Scruffy kid comes back as withering older fellow Moving around camera in my hand Light in my eyes and love in my heart......

Praying that I continue to be good to Californians Like they were good to me

Came to New Mexico from San Francisco Came back San Francisco....back to New Mexico Back to San Francisco and raced through Streets and parks......just like today

Then, I made music Today, I try to save lives...including my own.





## SUZE FROM LEOPOLD'S RECORDS AND TAPE

We came to Berkeley so long ago Wanted to end the war in Vietnam Wanted to make the Whole World a better place We sold records, tapes, tee shirts & gave away money

There never were people like us again We were a non profit before non profits We had health care before others We worked day and night and all through the night Just to fund social causes, peace and justice

We started so much that continues today We continue today Suze and me met in Berkeley only yesterday Seems like we still knew each other There are some people who we grow with That we never grow apart

I will love music and people all my life Music drives through my life and days Like an Express Train

I love Suze and the times at Leopold's Berkeley will always be in my heart and mind



My new Friends that I just met in the Mission District of San Francisco......Yo soy 132