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I work nights: I cat nap every afternoon:

**Perry so often: In the afternoon: A friend of mine

**might shepherd an autistic child they were caretaking to my

**nouse: One beautiful autistic child thad a fondness for throwing

**pebbles into water: My Pen Ching yard with a hundred tiny trees in ports

**on tables had a river of pebbles under the tables and upon the paths: It was Pebble

**Paradise: A few times in 1996: I'd be taking an afternoon nap on my bed on the floor next

**to my computer: The steamboat boiler red headed boy leaped onto my bed: As if it were a raft on

**a river: Land on his hands and knees: Squint wizened: When I said: "Hello:" Eye: Smile: To Open;

**He would run then into my living room and climb up the little ladder to the top of the double deck guest be,

**Then he jumped to the floor: Like Huckleberry Finn off his raft to the shore: Then he smiled: Big: Open;

**As Wide As Across The Wide Mississippi: At my dog sleeping in the bottom bunk: Then he would turn to the

**two big scenery flats by Peter Crompton from the forest In the Theater Of The Blue Rose production of Ubu Roi;

He would say hello up to the six foot tree shaped like a pear: Stem and all: Then he said hello up to the six foot tree,

shaped like a horse: Ears and all: Then he'd run out of my living room: Through the kitchen: Out into thick pacific fog

which might as well have been the terrific dank slow fog of the Mississippi bottoms: Out into my gracious old Pen Ching

yard: Absolutely: Ignore the little elm with owl eyes: Ignore: The 80 year old dog shape trunked elm: Ignore: The dwarfed

Akebono Cherry: So fat with white blossoms: A four hundred and fifty pound American Sumo wrestler is named for it:

The boy sat: In the pebbles; For hours: He'd pick up pebbles; Drop them in a water bow!: Can we say he heard the sound?:

Plop: Plop

To get more: Customers: Then tried to blame mental illness totally on books: Drugs: Cigarettes: Movies: Songs: Sex: Little minds believe little things: Many fools of all colors were too dumb to realize: Huckleberry Finn: Is a very beautiful; Great work of art: Of a bright: Self freed: Abused: Uneducated: White child: Of a kind: Noble: Uneducated: Abused: Black man: And all these fools believe it to be about an absurd white dragon breath child: Cursed: Melanin Challenged:

Nothing to do all day but sit around with a fish line tied onto his big toe and fish: Shit: An piss in the river: Motivationally Challenged: Negative Attention Surplused: Unit Hating Collective Challenged: Compulsorily Heterosexualed: Unlockable Big Brained: Titanic: Non Traditional Shopper: Who can never become:

Trendy: Sub Urban: Lackluster: Enslaved: Metalloid Behavioroid: Ethical Shadow Challenged:

Pretended Religious Moraled: Freakazoid: Death Ramped: Cramped: Trained: To Get Hot

Gold Stars: On The Great Mother's Bowel Movement Chart: By Squeezing Out: World:

Class: Shit of Brain: Plopper: In Tedious: Time Consumptive: Small: Plop: Steady: Careful: Increments:

Plop: Loss: Plop: Vagina: Plop: Loss: Penis: Glacier Productive: Titanic: Traditional Shopper:

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