

CLASS OF 69

WHEN RICHARD NIXON LEADS US DEEPER INTO NAM
IT'S A SMALL STEP FOR MANKIND
MICK JAGGER URGES US TO STAY QUITE CALM
EVEN AS HE WIGGLES HIS BEHIND
ANGELS AT ALTAMONT
GET US OFF CLOUD NINE
TO A TEAR-GASSED BAPTISMAL FONT
WITH THE CLASS OF 69
WHEN A HOST OF HOSTILES TAKES OVER ALCATRAZ
IT WON'T PUT JANIS IN A BIND
THOUGH ACID ROCK'S BEEN COVERED BY MODERN JAZZ
NO ONE'S IN THE LEAST INCLINED
TO THINK THE SMOKE HAS LIFTED IN DETROIT
OR AT THE TIMBERLINE
JOHN WAYNE SURPASSED HOFMANN AND VOIGHT
AND THE CLASS OF 69
I'D LOST MY INNOCENCE
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WHEN A GIRL WITH AN ICECREAM SMILED AND SAID
LET ME TASTE YOURS AND I'LL LET YOU TASTE MINE
AND THE FIRST THING THAT CAME INTO MY HEAD
WAS THIS MUST BE SOME CLASS OF 69
WHEN THE CHICAGO 7 HAVE THEIR DAY IN COURT
BILLIE JEAN'S STILL DOUBLE FAULT-LINED
EVERYONE'S BEEN GETTING HIGH IN HYANNIS PORT
WHILE CHARLIE MANSON'S STILL UNSIGNED
NOW THE WRITING'S AT THE STONEWALL
THOUGH THE PRINT'S QUITE FINE
TIMOTHY LEARY MAKES ONE LAST HOUSE CALL
ON THE CLASS OF 69

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