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## CLIFF ISLAND

In memory of Kate Berrigan

The tide is in.. The medicine  
Is in the mail. "Sometimes," says Tarzan,  
"Me no sleep too." A cabbage moth  
Pauses at the window, white and brilliant  
In the August sun. Come winter  
It won't be here. Joe has a birthday  
Cake. Sandy flies Kate's ashes  
Back to Albion. Tarzan:  
"Jungle way is better."

JOE CARDARELLI

## from FROM THE MAINE BOOK

get up wednesday morning hung over finish packing  
slowly begin drive to atlantic hit delay  
at chesapeake bay bridge and kent island hiway under  
repair arrive at state park assateague island  
one hour late no more room have to sign  
the list and wait drive in trance to ocean fucking city  
get rejected from 2 motels before stopping  
on a blind stab into the north wind motel

it was a semi-sponge arrangement on the wrong  
bay side of the ocean hiway little italian  
kid told me it costs 38 dollars to spend one night  
in his grandparents retirement dream mushroom

and i said alright but what do we get  
for the money? he said gotta olympic size swimming  
pool got color t.v. with all sports cable got  
airconditioning there's a five dollar deposit on the key

checked in went swimming got a mosquito bite and  
a slight sunburn went out to lombardis leaning  
tower of pizza ad said bring kids we did  
had a real good meal bought a bottle  
of wine 8 rolling rock handgrenades  
settled into our semi-soft motel room of sponge  
open the windows turn on the air  
watch 3 boxing matches on the color t.v.  
that's the end of that night

except for the motel sex which I won't even mention

is it good hannah? oh yes nano.  
is it really good hannah? it's one of your best.  
it really is hannah it's the cradle of life