

31st JULY 2013 DAVIS

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I SAW THE SUN RISE FROM MY WINDOW IN THE MORNING AFTER I
SWEPT THE FLOOR. THE RECREATION OUTSIDE DOOR IS OPEN TODAY
SO I HAVE FRESH AIR. IT'S BEEN HOT LATELY.

POLICE FLY BY AND GEESE. THE TRAFFIC ON INTERSTATE,
JUST A FOOTBALL FIELD AWAY, I-15 IS A CONSTANT THROAT.
THAT WAY. THAT WAY. THAT WAY. THE CARS GO. SUCH HURRY.
LIVING IN PRISON. IT BECOMES, AFTER A WHILE, LIKE
DOING NINETY ON THE FREEWAY. YOU ARE ALREADY SPEEDING
SO WHY NOT ONE HUNDRED? ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY!
I'm opposed to be "going home" soon. EXCEPT EXCEPT
THERE ISN'T ONE OF THOSE. ONLY A SPINNING DOOR.

THIS IS WHY I HATE LEAVING PRISON SO MUCH. THE
DEPRESSION UPON RETURNING IS ALMOST UNBEARABLE.

MY WORDS, IN DIFFERENT VENUES, HAVE BEEN READ
BY LOTS OF PEOPLE. BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW
KNOW ME BY KNOW AND BE FOR OR AGAINST ME. BUT IT DOESN'T
MATTER. WHAT I NEED IS WHAT NOONE IS WILLING TO GIVE. EVEN
THOSE FOR ME CAN'T GIVE IT. THE STIGMA PREVENTS SUCCESSFUL
REENTRY.

IT FEELS TO ME LIKE I SPENT A DECADE PUSHING
ROCKS TO TOPS OF MOUNTAINS; FOR MY FELLOW PRISONERS. FOR
FRIENDS; AND NOW IT'S JUST TIME TO LAY DOWN AND BE
CRUSHED TO DEATH BY MY HANDWORK ROLLING BACK DOWN, KICK-
ED BACK DOWN BY MOLE...

I DO KNOW THAT IF I SAW A GOLD NUGGET, IN
A FIELD OF SHALE ROCK, TO PICK IT UP. EVEN IF IT
WAS HEAVY. I'D CARRY IT HOME EVEN IF IT GOT MY NEW
SHIRT ALL DIRTY AND SMELLY.

I DO KNOW THAT I'M A KNACK FOR WRITTEN WORD —
JUST THE SAME AS THESE OTHERS HAVE KNACKS FOR SINGING,
DANCING, ETC — BUT I ALSO KNOW SOCIETY ISN'T SMART ENOUGH
TO EXPLOIT OUR TALENTS. THAT THE PEAK IS JUST SMACKED TOO
HIGH AGAINST US EVEN EVER BEING ABLE TO BE IN A POSITION
TO USE OUR TALENTS.

IT MAKES ME SICK TO SEE ART TEN TIMES BETTER
THAN PICASSO; TO HAVE A VOICE THAT WOULD MAKE THE
BILLBOARDS NUMBER ONE EACH YEAR; TO SEE ALL THE EFFORT ALL
OF US PUT INTO LIFE JUST GO TO SUCH WASTE BECAUSE WE
ARE RICH AND FREE OR WHITE ENOUGH OR... BECAUSE WE ARE
BAD PEOPLE." — BAD PEOPLE WHO DON'T PAY TAXES TO WAR MACHINES;
BAD PEOPLE WHO DON'T FLY BLACKHAWKS, SUV'S OR VOTE IN THE RICHEST MEN...