

## The Vortex

I smoked up at fourteen with romantic notions  
Of poets across the Atlantic Ocean doped up on morphine  
I was hoping the stuff would be an infinite source of dreams  
I wanted to see if it was a portal to the immortal stream  
Or just a weed; so I sowed the seeds  
Hoping there was more to see, and with more attempts  
To score a glimpse into the vortex of hemp's  
Female sex organs, I was just more convinced  
Of the transformative potential of my distorted senses  
With the doors of perception open everything gets more intense  
Every chore is an adventure and trip to the store a quest  
To explore foreign destinations, or a test  
Of orientation, if you forget your address  
My objective was to lower stress  
But the side effects were quite the opposite  
With blood clots blocking my eye sockets  
My optical field was myopic  
Short sighted, I would often fly off topic  
Preoccupied by the microscopic  
I entirely lost sight of my higher project  
Plus I was exhausted; time for a diagnostic  
From Betty Ford; I guess I was ready for it  
Before I knew it I was twenty-four  
And I couldn't think of any reason to do it any more

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Curled up in a fetal position, a baby on bean-bag  
Evil visions flutter 'round me as I lean back  
Seein' spiders creeping in the shoadows on the ceiling  
Insects steal inside my neckline, I can feel 'em  
Even my friends are mocking me, I can hear it  
In their vocal tones, social misfit losing hope alone  
I need a cup of tea, and blanket to cover me  
Feelin' uppity; can't catch the subtleties  
But for some reason I wrap up another reefer and suddenly  
My head is muddled utterly; "Fuckin' freak"  
My friends are muttering now; my words are tumblin' out  
All wrong, mouth closing and opening  
Where is this rhyme supposed to be goin'?  
Hey, what's wrong with Rowan?

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