

One of them writes songs and has
a band. One just wants to pay
the bills. The other dances.
I'm going to be forty-four this
year and I wonder what I want to be
when I grow old.

-- Ann Menebroker

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FOR KENNETH PATCHEN

maybe the fact that
i
grew up around
Wheeling
lets me understand
your little
orange bears
better
than any
Rockefeller
or
even a
Kennedy.

ST. JUKE

some say eternity is
forever. that's what
it's all about. well
you take it. i can't
deal with that. give
me some wine and a
piece of Trakl's nightmare.
at least i'm at home there.
now don't cry to me. that's
your thing. i got my scars.
paid some heavy dues. baby
i'm a lifetime allpaidup
charter member. so here:
take it. you take eternity.
i'll settle for her smile.

-- Steve Troyanovich

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