

it could all be resolved like a Xmas movie  
 by the simple act of forgiving  
 it's a lie  
 sometimes it takes great will-power  
 NOT to forgive someone  
 who makes a practice of hurting you

#### THIS EDITOR

she likes surrealism  
 but it has to be coherent  
 yeah  
 a psychotic is cool  
 as long as there's a little self-control

#### GOING BACK SEVEN

Boston to St Pete  
 cancer eating his guts  
 his mouth puckered & he was gone  
 I put what was left in the ground  
 his daughter picked up the money  
 he'd already told me I had nothing coming  
 he taught me how to read  
 pointed out the character actors of the '30s  
 how to distinguish the different instruments  
 & how to sing in 2-part harmony  
 mostly I learned how not to be  
 a father & a husband  
 he left in '61  
 died in '81  
 & he's making more sense all the time

— John Levin

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#### CLOWN DEATH: 1

the painted grin  
 turns to a just  
 apparent grimace

#### CLOWN DEATH: 2

somewhat surprised  
 the clown falls  
 and does not rise

— M. K. Book

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