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STREET SPIRIT

Upon Reading Street Spirit

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All 3 days while wandering,
I wondered
If I lose my section 8 in 2005 —
Budget cuts, perhaps
I could do the SRO roach motel thing
(again!)
with my SSI check
and relieve myself of internet
cable tv-debt-restraint
can't afford much really—
what bills would I have?
Why established housing requiring
Credit checks?
Evade creditors and flock to
Poetry-infighting-big-city-crumb-fight
In SF
Land into arms of Debra
Who nurtures me, cries out "I love you!"
At first sight of me
Perhaps bed down in the girly-shack
in Burlingame suburb
Where's Jenny in this scenario?
Nowhere
Times too lean
Values clash
She loves me for my creative life though
Loves my friends and my poetic
shenanigans in North Beach
She consents and revels in all of it
I know—as I consent to
Big-fashion-dating-wanting-rich-material-life
I know her heart and soul to be
Quite substantial
I'm sure we will not be moved and
For now we stay
Until they come for me....