

# Ass Ponys, The Big E

see the father's barn burning  
watch as the flames  
illuminate the sky  
see the boy who set the fire  
watch the barn burning  
in his eyes in his eyes  
hear the cattle calling out  
into the night  
they crowd against the fence  
until it breaks  
and as it breaks  
the arson shakes  
know that it's life  
and nothing more

see the boy obey the father  
stuffing the crying  
kittens in a sack  
hear the father curse the boy  
and whip him with a switch  
across the back across the back  
see them standing on  
the bridge at twilight  
they tie it to a rock  
and let it go  
and through the tears  
it disappears  
and now he knows  
it's life and nothing more

and through the tears  
it disappears  
the path is cut the way is clear  
it's up the stairs  
and through the door  
he finds the matches in a drawer  
into the barn he lights the hay  
it catches quick  
can't find his way  
through the burning ash  
and blinding smoke  
he stumbles and begins to choke  
a just reward a settled score  
and now he knows  
it's life and nothing more