

Dan Bern, God Said No

i met god on the edge of town
where the wind meets the stillness
where the darkness meets the light
where the ocean meets the sky
where the desert meets the rain
where the earth meets the heavens
on the edge of town
i met god
i asked god
do one thing for me
send me back in time, send me to seattle
let me go find kurt cobain
take away his gun, take away his bullets
talk to him, make him want to live
tell him how we love him, help him see his glory
god said no, if i sent you back,
if you really found him
you would only ask him if he could help you get a deal
if he knows a lawyer, if he could help you
god said no
i asked god, do one thing for me
send me back in time, send me to berlin
let me find the one they call hitler
i will stalk him, i will bring him down
i will bring along a powerful gun, loaded with bullets
obliterate his memory
god said no, if i sent you back
you would get caught up in theory and discussion
you would let your fears delay and distract you
you would make friends, you would take a lover
god said no
i asked god, do one thing for me
send me back in time, send me to jerusalem
let me go, let me go find jesus
let me save his life as they try to kill him
let me take him down, down from the cross
take the iron from his body, try to heal his wounds
god said no, if i let you go, if you really found him
walking with the cross you would stare
your tounge no longer working, eyes no longer seeing, ears no longer hearing
god said dan, time belongs to me
time's my secret weapon, a final advantage
god turned away from the edge of town
he knew i was beaten
and now was all i had
god said no