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### "My Dad's Face"

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When I look in the mirror I see my dad's face  
Where my face used to be  
Then I realize that he was about my age  
When he started his own family  
Then my radicalism, all my college Marxism  
Starts drifting on out to deep sea  
When I look in the mirror and I see my dad's face  
Where my face used to be

When I was a kid I used to look at my dad  
And I'd say, "This is who I am not."  
He used Bryl-Creem, I used hair spray  
He was fat, I was skinny  
He drank beer, I smoked pot  
But now my feet are disappearing beneath an ocean of  
beer  
And not so mysteriously  
When I look at my face I see in it's place  
My dad's physiognomy

I used to look at my friends, they looked fifty years  
older  
Some nights when I'd get too stoned  
That's when I believed time was a visible line  
With it's end and beginning both shown  
Now I know that's not true  
But I've still got an idea pretty much of what I can  
expect  
When I look in the mirror and I see my dad's mug  
Sitting there right on top of my neck

Well, my dad had it rough, he couldn't keep his true  
love  
He never reached his sought-after perfection  
So as I headed down my own life's road  
I headed straight in the other direction  
Now, when I turn around, he's not so far away  
And we're on the same road, I can see  
When I look in the mirror and I see my dad's face

Where my face used to be

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