

National Lampoon

"Deteriorata By National Lampoon 1972"

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(c) 1972 Visa Records

performed by Norman Rose

written by Tony Hendra

music by Christopher Guest

Go placidly amid the noise and waste,

and remember what comfort there may be in owning a
piece thereof.

Avoid quiet and passive persons, unless you are in
need of sleep.

Rotate your tires.

Speak glowingly of those greater than yourself

and heed well their advice, even though they be
turkeys.

Know what to kiss... and when.

Consider that two wrongs never make a right... but that
three do.

Wherever possible, put people on hold.

Be comforted that in the face of all erridity and
disillusionment,

and despite the changing fortunes of time,

there is always a big future in computer maintainance.

Remember the Pueblo.

Strive at all times to bend, fold, spindle, and mutilate.

Know yourself. If you need help, call the FBI.

Exercise caution in your daily affairs,
especially with those persons closest to you...

that lemon on your left, for instance.

Be assured that a walk through the ocean of most souls
would scarcely get your feet wet.

Fall not in love, therefore; it will stick to your face.

Gracefully surrender the things of youth,

birds, clean air, tuna, Taiwan,

and let not the sands of time get in your lunch.

Hire people with hooks.

For a good time call 606-4311. Ask for Ken.

Take heart amid the deepening gloom

that your dog is finally getting enough cheese,

and reflect that whatever misfortune may be your lot,

it could only be worse in Milwaukee.

You are a fluke of the Universe.

You have no right to be here,

and whether you can hear it or not,

the Universe is laughing behind your back.

Therefore, make peace with your god,

whatever you conceive him to be:

hairy thunderer or cosmic muffin.

With all its hopes, dreams, promises, and urban
renewal,

the world continues to deteriorate.

Give up

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