

## The Weakerthans

### "Elegy For Gump Worsley"

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He looked more like our fathers  
Not a goalie, player, athlete period  
Smoke, half-ash, stuck in that permanent smirk.

Tugging jersey around the beer gut  
"I'm strictly a whiskey man"  
Was one of the sticks he taped up  
and gave to a nation of pudgy boys

Favorites from Plympton's list of  
objects thrown by Rangers fans:  
Soup cans, persimmon, eggs, a folding chair and a  
dead rabbit

The nervous breakdown of 68 and 69  
after Pan Crap flights from LA, the expansion  
A shrink told me to change occupations, I had to forget  
it

He swore he was never afraid of the puck; we believe  
him  
If anyone asks, the inscription should read  
"My face was my mask."

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