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Now I beat a retreat to the fabled land
To get my ticket punched.
So culture=92s web can weave me in ---=20
Work *well* with others =96 be part of a bunch!

The land is academic, =20
It=92s college to a few.
You pay big bucks to go there.
What you leave with=92s up to you.

I go to be a teacher,
To give our folks some tools.
But I=92ll swim with the disabled
As what=92s least -- are not -- our fools.

You=92d want that too, let me assure
At the tired end of your forties
A hired gun for too many years
I=92ve Regrets, made mistakes, been un-sporting.

The point is now just coming round --
I am flatly loath to tell you.
An education this late in life
Can cripple, wound, and BLESS you.

We need a crippling warning
As no one talks *sick bees*.
Why they=92re dying inexplicably,
Bringing nature to her knees.

Laugh and snicker at your peril!
Think five legged frogs are funny?
You=92ll find another mouth to laugh from
When those frogs _cost_ *all* your money!

But that=92s another issue --
Just the fact that we despise =20
This precious jewel we live on.
The fault? Elitist lies!!

I will only comment sparingly
In pursuit of my credentials. =20
As this ticket punch takes all my time
As I prefer the Chancellor=92s initials.

But that=92s the point!
I=92ve learned considerable!
Schooling puts an edge on me
Pro-social, fair, and liberal.

What see you, when you see a stranger?
I=92ll tell you what I see!
There=92s 96 chances in a 100
It=92s someone who takes care of me!

That man with a scar keeps my airplane
That boy with a lisp keeps my cloths
That girl over there with the purple hair
Keeps my streets all swept clean of the snow.

But the folks who keep us all metered
They know, and they fear and despise --
How their white bread world comes crashing down
If the masses routinely self actualize.

That=92s why Hale-Bopp puts a knot in a tail.
That=92s why scientists get all vitriolic.
Comfortable rules get all sticky and gummy
Learning is no longer safe, and bucolic.

Some have a fortune they see go away.
Some want things just as they are.
But I see a greater potential from us,
And I *know* that it comes from the stars.

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Pencils, text, and note book in hand =96 I continue my investigation of
US. See you when I can. And to those that have sent it =96 "thanks for the
fish"!

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