

THE RANT AND RAVE GAZETTE

A Music Newsletter

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Welcome to the second issue of the Rant. What a long, fine history of dedication to the journalist's craft this has been. Can a Pulitzer be far behind?

THE HOKEY POKEY

"YOU PULL YOUR RIGHT FOOT OUT....."



I just got off an Air North flight from Whitehorse, Yukon after driving in from my cabin in Atlin B.C. early this morning. It was a particularly crowded flight because a two week shift had just changed at the Keno mine, close to dead centre of the Yukon, and the plane was full of miners headed south. They were in that odd state of being boisterous and exhausted at the same time, and seemed to be alternately laughing their asses off, then falling asleep. I was sitting between two of these guys and I struck up a conversation.

"Keno huh?" I said. "Is that underground?" "Yes sir," my new pal replied. "I played music in Elsa (the next town over) a few times over the years", I said, "and I got a chance to go down the Husky mine one time. It ain't for everybody. You've got to have a level head underground." "That you do", my friend came back. "You ever worked underground?" "Nope," I said, "but I come from a family of coal miners. My uncles mined 18" seams that drifted out under the North Sea on their bellies on rollerboards in cold water. It wasn't pretty. "Yeah," my pal responded, "they had it bad in those days. Much better now, much better."

To a man, these lads were ready for a wee dram. The drink of choice seemed to be Crown Royal and the flight attendants were doling it out like water. I thought it might be a nice gesture if I joined in. I figured it was the least I could do.

And now ... a snippet from the muse:

He asked about loneliness
And we danced
About choice
And we picked up the pace
Kicking up our heels
About meaning
And we spun
Like dervishes
About death
And we began to sing
Filling up all space
with motion and sound

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And now, "Little Gems":

LITTLE GEMS

ADVICE THAT WAS WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD



"Don't let your **fingers** move faster than your **mind**"

THATS ALL FOR NOW FOLKS! SEE YOU NEXT TIME