

BIRTH YEAR 1955

At the time I was born
the Cold War was frigid.
Sputnik was a plan
& the A-bomb a reality.

Marilyn Monroe just made "The Seven Year Itch"
& Elvis was crooning on TV.

McDonald's began marketing mega-burgers
as Einstein offered his final thoughts.

Israel attacked Syria in a legacy of hate
& Tunisia wasn't yet a state.

When I was born
computers outsized dinosaurs
& birth control pills were new.
Scars from World War II still felt fresh
& in Korea more bloodshed spewed.

In a place of violence & amazing dreams
In a planet choking with pollution
& incredible beauty
30,000,000 other infants
with no idea of
what they were getting into
joined me.

- T Newfields

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