

getting older

getting older
means using capital letters
so i'm not going
to use them
in this poem

getting older
means less
masturbation
and more
work

or maybe it means
more masturbation

it depends on
if you're married

and if you are
then masturbate
every chance you get

getting older
means worrying
about the bomb

it means
christmas
is a wednesday morning

and christmas eve
was drinking alone
in your bed
watching snow
or rain
or moon beams
fall to earth
and feeling nothing-

the first thing i remember doing
is sitting in the living room

and watching
my relatives talk

the second thing i remember doing
is crawling around
my kitchen floor in
youngstown, oh

not being able to speak
or not wanting to speak
i don't know

and playing army men

those were the days!

the grey soldiers were germans
the green, americans
the yellow, french
the red, russians

and now getting older
i see that those men were actually
colored the same as me

and instead of falling over
they actually died
and it's all quite a drag-

i want to be young again
3 or 4 years old

and i want to
play hide and go seek
and fly kites
and still feel danger
when blowing
off a firework

and fist fight
without spending the night in jail

and play football

until your nose bleeds

and scream

“ollie, ollie, ox in free!”

as i finish the game...

so i will