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*Geopolitical Solution*

Do you remember when  
we used to sit for hours  
in that grimy bar off campus  
and wax philosophical?

All that beer

and so many cigarettes:

I used to walk home  
half drunk and dry-throated  
thinking how all the  
problems of the world  
could be solved

if our leaders could meet,  
armed with

a full pack of smokes

and six pitchers of beer,

and a couple of glass ashtrays  
which read

"STOLEN FROM LUCKY JOHN'S BAR AND GRILL"