

May 30, 1970

Dear Jim —

Here's the poem you asked
about — and also another
printed up —

Normal Ill poem you can
give out reproduce & print or
show up anywhere you want if
you have occasion — just send
me copies if anyone does it —

Love Allen

Thanks for
turning me on. —

Police State Blues

Night meat lights

hypnotizing hungry autos, Iron bridges

crossing down Main

"Get a goddamned haircut!"

front window cry, Whose face drunk dark

beautiful-chisled mouth kist by whiskey?

to Gay Liberation Front ~~in Normal~~ dance in Normal, Illinois

--black guitar, soul-mate drum & mustached hairy organ

pounding Majestic repetition

chords shake God's bones

--that stripe-shirted boy's

belly flashing strobe-eternal

glimpsed

bright eyes & flying hair

soul open-mouthed, wide armed, thin scream ecstatic

thighs jazzed teen-ass

to guitar squeal, black electric high

prayer-shrieks thru matter-chairs--

A hundred bodies red-lit in circle, stomping

Afric floors in old Millenia

heavenly fists invoking Lord Holy Power

Give us Peace O Give us Bliss

Give us this Happiness O

"Thank you for letting

Me be my Self again!"

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I dance majestic-Mudra'd, weaponhanded, Wheel-turning
fingers Prayer-bead twined for Greeting
Supplication & Abhaya calm,
breast breath humming Om Aing Gring Cling Chamunda Yei Vijay Namah Svaha!
my head extended in hashish fume-rays,
old man half bald, beard grey streaked, eyes wine joy filled,
two thousand years ago Anacreon
"gracefully drunk, & gracefully to dance among the young
& gracefully be mad"—
our bodies offered to Chango red cock-head Lord of Creation or
Kali-Ma stomping over Battlefields—
pounding earth skull, waking earth heart!
Beat after beat identical our body foot belly dance tribe cry,
boys and girls hand in hand groaning in a circle.

March 15, 1970

*Allen Ginsberg
for Tanes Curtis*

ITALICS { Illinois State University Solarium, first G.L.F. dance, S.D.S. attending
ticket door, Women's Liberation & boyfriends, babies naked underfoot
toddling where Black Coalition provided circle rock dance ritual. }