

CRAZED MAN CHANGES WEATHER

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for David Wojahn

Elvis Aaron Presley, born Tupelo, Mississippi
January 8th, 1935, once used yogi mind-power
To move a single small cirrus cloud backwards
Above the death-bleak Nevada desert & for this
Was placed in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
Just weeks before his untimely explosion
Atop a Memphis, Tennessee toilet. & I figure
If this poor boy's deep-fried grey matter
Could command such meteorological magic
Then what of my own humdrum, caffeine
In the morning, scotch whisky in the evening
Early to bed, Leave it to Beaver brain?
So, on an unusually warm midwinter day
With a fast approaching cold front to the north,
I stand, arms stretched out & up, in my street,
Straining like the old Hound Dog himself,
Quietly humming *Return to Sender, Teddy Bear,*
Love Me Tender & Suspicious Minds,
When lo & behold, the blue sky freezes
Into a full-color photocopy of itself & as
I can only wish our God, our King, was still alive
To looketh upon me, verily & tremble.