

# Remembering Ginsberg

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who howled through just about everybody's idea of the real  
weirdo poet  
given enough time and eventually under his dynamo words

who kept growing on us scolding about us all the illuminated while  
or  
sometimes even when he didn't we still thought you cool ol' queer  
Jew anyway contemplating prophecy and apocalyptic celebration

who bared his comparably Walt-wide soul in incautious combustible  
mixtures across the tops of our jazz-jived brains inducing Cool and  
his tempo of Madman Blake dooming the whole beautiful universe

who had more odd jobs than the American dream still has  
nightmares to ride  
herd on or we'd then ever heard four fucking letter words for  
as repeatedly whenever he'd get into our pubic beards with his fire

who made fine old fun as if he could not be responsible for the  
effects of our  
psychiatric misbehaviors he was beating up on or poking holes into  
to reach roots to better check on what best amounts of husbandry  
.he could pour down to muck up or stimulate oracular irritation

who yacketayaked screaming warnings like a jugged jeremiah  
anarchist  
smiling jesus almighty antichrist and zen master debater balled  
and bald too talking self-conscious all about bold rhythm and meter

who to remove our contaminated sex, soup, poetry, Eisenhower and  
all later

latter lonelinesses, or commitments to the horror of sodding sad war  
chanting himself into harsh melancholy reminderings

who for all transient suffering sang kaddish and praise of hazards to  
humans

and all sexy life here including gnarled trees and the torsos of boys  
or other fruited delicacies such as life itself

who died obeying all the laws about death and the poet's still  
ownership

of the universe he loved with all the litany of praise he's now on his  
way to that countdown to eternity, howling.

