

# Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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## Friday Poem

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I'll be traveling for the next couple of weeks. The posts will likely be far and few between. I'm currently in Kentucky. You can't visit this place without reading [Mr. Wendell Berry](#):

### **Kentucky River Junction**

by Wendell Berry (to Ken Kesey & Ken Babbs)

Clumsy at first, fitting together  
the years we have been apart,  
and the ways.

But as the night  
passed and the day came, the first  
fine morning of April,

it came clear:  
the world that has tried us  
and showed us its joy

was our bond  
when we said nothing.  
And we allowed it to be

with us, the new green  
shining.

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Our lives, half gone,  
stay full of laughter.

Free-hearted men  
have the world for words.

Though we have been  
apart, we have been together.

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Trying to sleep, I cannot  
take my mind away.

The bright day

shines in my head  
like a coin  
on the bed of a stream.

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You left  
your welcome.

## 6 Comments

1. Much of Kentucky is beautiful. I enjoyed my visit this past August.

*Comment by [Ryan](#) — December 1, 2006 @ [1:17 am](#)*

2. Alec — Should you find yourself much further south for next week's Art Basel Miami please do let me know. Best travels, -jdl

*Comment by [John Loomis](#) — December 1, 2006 @ [1:40 pm](#)*

3. business, pleasure, or project?

*Comment by [john kerren](#) — December 1, 2006 @ [1:50 pm](#)*

4. I'm here taking pictures. Thanks John, but Miami during Basel gives me the chills.

*Comment by [Alec Soth](#) — December 1, 2006 @ [5:52 pm](#)*

5. may the gods smile upon you (and you upon them)!

*Comment by [john kerren](#) — December 1, 2006 @ [8:16 pm](#)*

6. If you happen to get to Louisville, there is a great photo gallery on Market Street. The Paul Paletti Gallery is located at 713 East Market and has an amazing photography collection. Paul is also one of the most affable fellows you are likely to meet.

Paul Paletti Gallery  
713 East Market Street  
Louisville, KY 40202  
502.589.9254

I enjoy your work (and your blog). Hope you find what you are looking for here.

Michael Morris

*Comment by [mmdesign](#) — December 2, 2006 @ [9:57 am](#)*