

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](#)