

# Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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## Friday Poem

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Looks like Donald Rumsfeld will have more time for his poetry (see [Slate](#))

### **A Confession**

*by Donald Rumsfeld*

Once in a while,  
I'm standing here, doing something.  
And I think,  
"What in the world am I doing here?"  
It's a big surprise.

—May 16, 2001, *interview with the New York Times*

## 6 Comments

1. I really like your friday poems, it's not only that it's a sign in my rss-reader that's weekend again

This one is the hit!

*Comment by [creezy](#) — November 10, 2006 @ [4:49 am](#)*

2. ...cue Talking Heads song...

*Comment by [guybatey](#) — November 10, 2006 @ [6:59 am](#)*

3. Hi Alec,

I was reading a story on the 9/11 picture of Thomas Hoepker where I found a link to your blog. Personnaly this is one of most interesting photospaces I jumped into recently... great personal journal!

*Comment by [Christophe](#) — November 10, 2006 @ [7:43 am](#)*

4. This one is rather Simic-esque.

*Comment by [zbs](#) — November 10, 2006 @ [10:30 am](#)*

5. Phil Kline set a few of Rumsfeld's most evocative poems to music a while back. They're on his album "Zippo Songs." WFMU recently posted some mp3s here (I'm assuming with his permission, since he's a guest on the station from time to time):

[http://blog.wfmu.org/freeform/2006/11/donald\\_we\\_will\\_.html](http://blog.wfmu.org/freeform/2006/11/donald_we_will_.html)

*Comment by [Aaron](#) — November 10, 2006 @ [4:12 pm](#)*

6. if this was a gunfight, I'd have to say my man Billy is still standing tall in the corral...

*Comment by [harold hollingsworth](#) — November 14, 2006 @ [1:43 am](#)*