

**Am Waiting      By Lawrence Ferlinghetti**

**I am waiting for my case to come up  
and I am waiting  
for a rebirth of wonder  
and I am waiting for someone  
to really discover America  
and wail  
and I am waiting  
for the discovery  
Of a new symbolic western frontier  
and I am waiting  
for the American Eagle  
to really spread its wings  
and straighten up and fly right  
and I am waiting for the Age of Anxiety  
to drop dead  
and I am waiting  
for the war to be fought  
which will make the world safe  
for anarchy  
and I am waiting for the final withering away  
of all governments  
and I am perpetually awaiting  
a rebirth of wonder**

**I am waiting for the second coming  
And I am waiting  
For a religious revival  
To sweep thru the state of Arizona  
And I am waiting  
For the grapes of wrath to be stored**

**And I am waiting  
For them to prove  
That God is really American  
And I am waiting  
To see God on television  
Piped into church altars  
If they can find  
The right channel  
To tune it in on  
And I am waiting  
for the last supper to be served again  
and a strange new appetizer  
and I am perpetually awaiting  
a rebirth of wonder**

**I am waiting for my number to be called  
and I am waiting  
for the Salvation Army to take over  
and I am waiting  
for the meek to be blessed  
and inherit the earth  
without taxes  
and I am waiting  
for forests and animals  
to reclaim the earth as theirs  
and I am waiting  
for a way to be devised  
to destroy all nationalisms  
without killing anybody  
and I am waiting  
for linnets and planets to fall like rain  
and I am waiting for lovers and weepers**

**to lie down together again  
in a new rebirth of wonder**

**I am waiting for the great divide to be crossed  
and I anxiously waiting  
For the secret of eternal life to be discovered  
By an obscure practitioner  
and I am waiting  
for the storms of life  
to be over  
and I am waiting to set sail for happiness  
and I am waiting  
for a reconstructed Mayflower  
to reach America  
with its picture story and TV rights  
sold in advance to the natives  
and I am waiting  
for the lost music to sound again  
in the Lost Continent  
in a new rebirth of wonder**

**I am waiting for the day  
that maketh all things clear  
and I am waiting for retribution  
for what America did to Tom Sawyer  
and I am waiting  
for the American Boy  
to take off Beauty's clothes  
and get on top of her  
and I am waiting**

**for Alice in Wonderland**

**to retransmit to me**

**her total dream of innocence**

**and I am waiting**

**for Childe Roland to come**

**to the final darkest tower**

**and I am waiting for Aphrodite**

**to grow live arms**

**at a final disarmament conference**

**in a new rebirth of wonder**

**I am waiting**

**to get some intimations**

**of immortality**

**by recollecting my early childhood**

**and I am waiting**

**for the green mornings to come again**

**for some strains of unpremeditated art**

**to shake my typewriter**

**and I am waiting to write**

**the great indelible poem**

**and I am waiting**

**for the last long rapture**

**and I am perpetually waiting**

**for the fleeting lovers on the Grecian Urn**

**to catch each other at last**

**and embrace**

**and I am awaiting**

**perpetually and forever**

**a renaissance of wonder**

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