

# Manning Fireworks

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Birds against a heavy wind that wins in the end  
One of these days, with shorts full of sand  
One of these days, you'll kill a man  
For asking a question you don't understand

Some have passion  
Some have purpose  
You have sneakin' backstage to hound  
The girls in the circus

You've opened the Bible in a public place  
You've opened the Bible to the very first page  
And one of these days  
It will all end  
Your tired approach to original sin

You've been betting on horses named  
Johnny Come Lately  
You've been high on the hog  
And the dogs seem to hate you

You once was a baby and now a jerk  
Standing close to the pyre, manning fireworks  
Once a perfect little baby  
Who's now a jerk  
Standing close to the pyre, manning fireworks