

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