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The sharp names
that never get fat: The
snake-skin titles of mining
claims: The plumed war bon
net of Medicine Hat: Tucson a
nd Deadwood and Lost Cunt Flat:
I remember the Carquinez Straits:
French Lick and Lundy's Lane: Ya
nkee ships and the Cos Cob freight s:
bullet towns of Calamity Jane: A free ticket
with a bullet hole punched in it by Little Sure
Shot: Annie Oakley: I will remember Niagar
Falls: Tonawanda: Lackawanna: Skunktown Fla
Nurk: Nyurk: Noojoisey: I will fall in love with
a Salem witch: And a redneck queer from Santa
Cruz: I will get me a bottle of Boston sea: And a
white brain folkly to sing me black blues: I'm tired
of loving a foreign muse: I am sick for a newer ghost:
Harrisburg: Spartanburg: Painted Post: Altoona: Arkansas:
Coeur de Fecis: Iowa: Dakota: Wabash: Brooklyse: Chicoo:
Redlands: Badlands: Okies: Lost Mule Flat: Tortilla Flat: Fen
kie Flat: Fix Your Flat: Smoke Your Hopactcong Bazoorka:
Mizzou: Mississippi: Ohio: Hokies: Washington's toilet: Hamilt
ton's Rock: Passaic: Poisonville: Butte: Hobokas: Raritan: and
Hackansack: and Gowanus: Two Key: One Meatball: Cincinnati s:
Tack: I shall not rest quiet in Montparnasse: I shall not lie easy at
Winchelsea: You may bury my body in Sussex grass: You may bury
my tongue at Champmedy: However I do wish I were a Sioux: Or a
Commanche: Kiowa: Creek: Chipewewa: Choctaw: Seminole: Osage:
Ojibway: Omaha: Hopi: Arapahoe: Shoshone: Inuit: Iroquois: Mohawk:
Huron: Potawatomi: Apache: Nez Percé: Crow: Ute: Osage: Cree:
Navahoe: Or Seneca or Pawnee: Or Cheyanne: Or Pissquahan nee:

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