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2010 (a diary)

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A New Year

It's a New Year, 2010
I hope it's a good one for my family and friends
Full of champagne, caviar and sin
I hope this year's a good one for my family and friends

It's a New Year, 2010
I guess it's time to make a resolution
Remind me what I said last year I'd do again
I hope this year's a good one for my family and friends

It's a New Year, 2010
The Nationals finally have a decent bullpen
Sure hope their season's better than the Redskins'
I hope this year's a good one for my family and friends

It's a New Year, 2010
Let's pray we never hear from Dick Cheney again
And Rush Limbaugh's hoagie finally does him in
I hope this year's a good one for my family and friends

It's a New Year, 2010
Too bad the Longhorns aren't the National Champions
But Joe Paterno has more wins than Bobby Bowden
I hope this year's a good one for my family and friends

As for that old year, 2009
I hope we don't look back on it as a better time
Or Democrats will be in the unemployment line
And Sarah Palin will be singing Auld Lang Syne

It's a New Year, 2010
I hope it's a good one for my family and friends
Press the rewind button to hear this song again
For he's a jolly good fellow, Happy New Year my friends!









Snacky Snacks Hi my name is MuMu And I want a snack Not just 1 snack Not just 2 snacks I want lots of snacks! **Because** I love snacky snacks I love snacky snacks Popcorn, peanuts, cookies and Cracker Jacks I want a snacky snack inside my tummy I want a snacky snack that makes me say "yummy!" I love snacky snacks I love snacky snacks Ice cream, potato chips, nachos, and Kit Kats I want a snacky snack with my friend Piglet Give me a snacky snack or you'll regret it This is Sammy He used to be my friend Until he ate my snacky snack He'll never do that again I hope you'll have a snacky snack with me :-) SNACKY SI

Michelob

won't you come out and play?

Grandma's house, playing outside
With Jason and Danny on the slip 'n slide
I loved those boys like they were my brothers
We'd drink coke and then spit on each other

My grandma was 80-years old Bedtime stories about bridges and trolls Strawberry hair wrapped up in a bun She'd say "Michelob, you're my number one grandson"

Now as the years pass cruelly out of my control Where are you, Michelob?

Looking for that boy in the mirror Wiping it down trying to see clearer Where did that little boy go The one called "Michelob"

From chocolate custard on his face
To gray stubble in its place
Where did that little boy go
The one called "Michelob"

Going to the beach with Aunt Bernice
It's hard to believe my sister was sweet
Tempting seagulls with a bunch of Cheetos
Dad, protect me from the sun and mosquitos

Uncle Bernard died from liver cirrosis
His bile for the cops gave him halitosis
But all I feel is pride when I see
The pictures of my drunk Norwegian family

As the years pass cruelly out of my control Won't you come out and play, Michelob?

Looking for a trace in the militor Wiping it down trying to see clearer Where did that little boy go The one called "Michelob"

For whom life's big decision

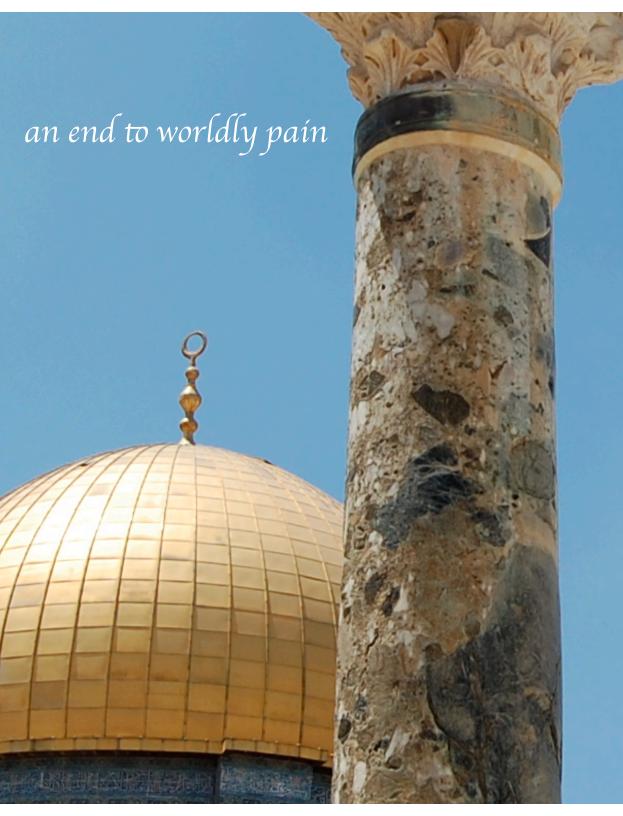
Was Atari or Intellivision

Where did that little boy go

The one called "Michelob"

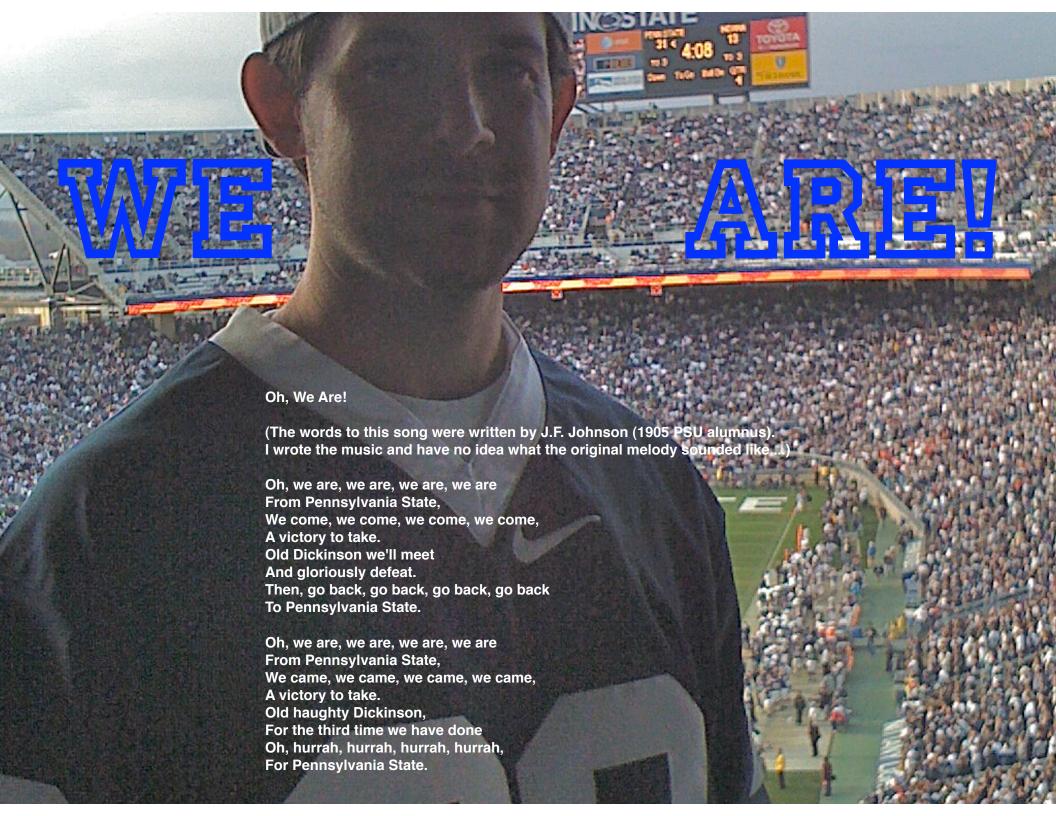
In one more year I'll be 40
Still searching for the real me
Where did that little boy go
The one called "Michelob"

I guess there's still a chance To find memories of my past Where did that little boy go The one called "Michelob"



Fly Into The Sun







Status Update Blues

just joined his neighbors in a round of preemptive snow shoveling. I'm so jacked up on bourbon I actually enjoyed it. · 4 Manhattans = not smart. · is packing for an extended trip to two very different climates (Tokyo and Singapore), and fears there will be very little room left in my luggage for souvenir bottles of sake and Singapore Slings. · IAD > NRT (TGIF will be coming a little early for me) · Yes, Virginia, there really is a Mothra. · I saw Liam Gallagher of Oasis on my way into the New York Bar at the Park Hyatt in Shinjuku, still rockin' the unibrow. · spent the day spitting, chewing gum, and jaywalking in Singapore. · Last night I dreamt my online grocer delivered a box of "hemp pies": vanilla ice cream sandwiched between marijuana-infused, banana flavored cookie wafers. I quickly unwrapped one, but a friend warned me not too because California had not yet legalized pot. Sure enough, there was a knock on my door. It was the FBI. . GO NATS! . When does college football season begin? · Put the broom away, phans. · God I hate musicals. · Na-Na-Na-Nats in 2nd place! · @Toyland for a mint julep ... if you haven't been here, do come do come (5th & H NE)! · I prefer to use pint glasses when making cocktails at home. Please don't judge. I'm just saving time. · I had a dream last night that I was at Nationals Park for Stephen Strasburg's debut. The ballpark was sold out, but Strasburg ended up getting the loss because Jon Bon Jovi hit a foul ball into the upper deck, yet the umps ruled it a home run for the Pirates. . Strasburganza is TONIGHT!!! . The vuvuzela ... thank God I tuned into the World Cup. For all these years, I thought that sound in my head was the madness. · is in Sitges, bitches. · BCN > SAW · is in Istanbul (not Constantinople). · is mixing a roadie for the walk down to Lola's for brunch with David Coronado and David Miller, and then onward to Citizens Bank Park-southern annex. · Dear God: thank you for inventing subtext. I'd never keep my job without it. · Nyjer Morgan, please take a Quaalude. Several, actually. · WE ARE PENN STATE!!!!! · I'm at the gym and just found two red tablets inscribed "I-2" on the window sill. Should I or shouldn't I? · F U Oklahoma! · THANK GOD IT'S A BYE WEEK!!! · Where's my football? · "2 Yuenglings. 'it's cheaper if u get a pitcher. ' "OK". · God I hate musicals · So much hatred in this hotel room this morning! · My dear house guest just fed me a multivitamin with a glass of champagne. Happy Thanksgiving y'all. · Somebody make the holidays stop. My body cannot take much more.

Michael 2010

My Year in Status

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- 4. THE 10TH MAN
- 5. SNACKY SNACKS
- 6. MICHELOB
- 7. FLY INTO THE SUN (b)
- 8. BEYOND BELIEF
- 9. OH, WE ARE! (c)
- 10. UNHOLY BEAT
- II. STATUS UPDATE BLUES
- 12. A NEW YEAR (REPRISE)

Michael Solem: Vocals, Guitar, Bass programming, Saxophone programming, Piano loops, Drum loops, Guitar loops & Effects mixed in Garageband v.6

a. Yudi (percussion and guitar),Yogi (percussion and backing vocals),Jimmi (vocals and guitar)

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For Signe (1900-1984)

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