

Columbia to Galesburg

Columbus, Missouri tribe
to Galesburg, Illini
explore and conquer

Mississippi is West
eastward the Ohio River

at second base Ryan Sandberg
or Carl with the same
not Nordic patronymic
the place gives the name
Sand-Berg
Sand Mountain
like Vachel Lind-say
Island of Lealla
Lind-say
in the Anglo-Saxon
Edge-Thee-Ow
as well from *Agentyre*
in the Swedish
that old Badass
who hacked Beowulf's
uncle when fate took him
for his pride

the way goes not
through pachydermous
Hannibal
but Keokuk
after the Sauk chief
who sided with power
over tragic Blackhawk

Keokuk Keokuk
Little Miami
Winnemac
Mackinaw
Winnebego
Potawatamie
Potawatamie Park

Chicago
that virago
Shawnee at Dearborn

and Madison
Harrison Ave and Tecumseh
rootabaga country
Potato face
has got my nose
and twice my rank
in the cellar plant
with a rag bag and jug
of poems for bread
molecules of sound
Mesopotamia
Hot-en-tot
Presbyterian Knox
Kickapoo
hunting grounds are not
the issue. Are we
information hunters
and gatherers? or
domesticated by
information we farm?
Soon to run
silcon through our blood
and talk in photons
No one speaks
Peorian anymore

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