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IV Hospitals, yes. And doctors.
OUR SON HAS A COLD.
Medication, yes.
HE WILL GET BETTER SOON.
Money, money, money, yes, yes
No. OUR SON IS NOT INSANE.

You will come home
 and your friends will be in college.
You will play with their younger brothers
 and their younger brothers' friends.
They will not call you "boogy".
They will grow up too soon.
You will mow your lawn
 eyeing pretty young girls
 returning from school.
You will invite them up to your room
and show them your graduation picture,
 but they will not know you.

V Your friends will come back from college
 and your eyes will glow.
This black glow of the pupil
 will speak to them
but they will scatter like leaves in the wind.
They will no longer play RISK.
At night your bed will address itself
 to the room.
It will hint at leaving home
 and "Physical Jobs".
Headlights will pour into the window
 and you will ask:
Where is the music in the dark to comfort me?

Phil Mercurio

