Things I Love

gospel hymns bar fights prohibition police raids twelve string guitars speakeasies saloons riots murder ballads bedtime stories harpsichord concertos chain gang melodies field hollers opium dens sex shops pool halls cigar clubs duels halfwits philistines madrigals braggadocios troubadours underdogs boozehounds prizefighters bookies junkies flunkies hookers down and out dice players beer gardens punched out cigarettes cold sheets and warm women Louisiana bayous jailhouses movie houses dog houses sidewalks alleyways vagabonds

dirt naps jazz guitars black & white photographs Volkswagen beetles vinyl records bull fights cockfights undertakers whiskey with beer chasers waking up before dawn cold December mornings sitting in a room alone shaggy dog stories tall tales chess games bloody noses screaming matches ghost orchids cheap jug wines silent films wet dreams Christmas carols limericks black comedies oil paintings and poems

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