

Battle of Art's Jug

Inchon was a stroke of genius,
not courage.
Doesn't take guts to gamble
other men's lives.

When MacArthur caught old man Kim
in the crapper with his pants down,
that made him a hero.
But he wanted to be a *conquering* hero.

Ran the North Koreans up against
the Yalu river. Made the Chinese nervous.
Bad thing, making the Chinese nervous.
There's so damn many of them.

Lost half our men at Chosin
just getting' the hell out of there.
When Truman pulled the plug on MacArthur
it was his best move since dropping the bomb.

I said all this and maybe a little more
down at Art's Jug night I got home.
Skinny 4-F in a blue plaid shirt
went outside and came back.

Asks me, *What you driving?*

Yellow De Soto.
Something wrong?

Not yet.

Paid my tab and went for a look.
Tires slashed. Turned around.
The 4-F had a baseball bat.