

The Hillbilly Poet

(Painted Black)

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When the poet was a boy,
Before the EPA,
Tug River ran black.

When a teenager
his creek ran black
on Sunday,
the inspector's day off.

The faculty at Mt. Dream College
are well versed in the pathology
of city water,
buying Spring water for the faculty lounge.
After all Mtn. Dream is the Cancer Capital
of Appalachia and U.S.
The faculty drink coffee water
like their illiterate brethren.

The faculty support Mtn. Top Removal
for there are no strip mines
allowed in their subdivisions.

The hillbilly poet was said
to have a dangerous mouth,
unlike Pseudo-radicals
safely lecturing the local populace
on abortion and gay rights.