David Daniels, Countertenor In Concert with Martin Katz, Piano

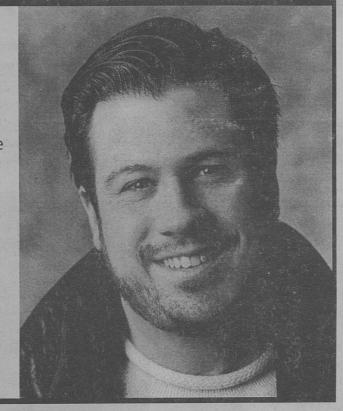
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"Daniels has single-handedly paved the way for a whole new generation of countertenors." — The Advocate

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poetry: the battle is on

by nadine wolf budbill

The Battle Is On

take back vermont
like an assault
i am reminded every time
every time i pass by
highways and long dirt roads
broken down trailers and hillside homes
manure spreaders and motorcycles
gas stations and clip joints
pick 'em up at your local supplier of bigotry
or make 'em yourself
homemade stencils and
pass 'em down the road to your neighbors
black lettering burns deep through white backgrounds

take back vermont
remember in november:
shoot a queer, not a deer
adam and eve, not adam and steve
leviticus, family values, 'cause the bible tells me so
matthew shepherd, stonewall, 1000 nameless beaten bodies

take back vermont

yuppies, flatlanders, new jersey, new york, long island

death of dairy farms second and third jobs she always was a farmer's wife 'til she turned sixty and started workin' down to ames so they could pay the bills

traffic lights, mcdonalds, saabs range rovers, pricey health food stores

the battle is on the world's working class will fill its front lines those with the most cash will win local culture gettin' smoothed by the outta-state-cash-filled-pillow of rising property values and money that talks

take back vermont

abenaki, iroquois, algonquin

have we forgotten small pox infested blankets given with the outstretched hand of germocidal warfare the battle at wounded knee the trail of tears have we forgotten genocide, attempted extermination, mass explusion

now we romanticize, exoticize attend pow wows, co-opt spiritual traditions just to fill the vacancy that was left when we stepped in to reap the benefits of our ancestors' theft

"this land is my land, this land is your land..."
have we forgotten how this came to be
my land, your land, our country
who owns the deed to this land
if it is i then that deed is stained with violence and shame

take back vermont

who has the rights to this land who has the right to take a stand i ask who has the right

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