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Michael C. Ford: This Isn't a Poem

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Michael C. Ford has, since 1984, recorded 81 spoken word tracks on vinyl, CD and laser disk formats. Since 1970, a wide range of indie presses have published approx. 25 volumes of pint documents.

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is your heart turning into
hungry Peruvian reptiles

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is something which will
shove you into a blinding
light area of your brain

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is something which will
force you into a brand new
madness

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is a man walking down into
an active volcano

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is a rock being whipped by
a Tallahassee hurricane

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is a language system which
allows you to die as people
were meant to die: with grand
illusions and ideals & dreams

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is Allende assassinated in
Chile by CIA-sanctioned gun-
slingers and legal authorities

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is Pablo Neruda being
arrested for protesting the
murder of Communist peasants

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is Marcos marshalling the
poor in Chiapas to arm against
a United States supported
Fascist government in Mexico

Radio Intro (2)

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is a NO-Doze capsule for
 the tragic and tender clones
 of University creative writing
 programs encouraging poetry
 workshop dilettantes who are
 dull and witless and will put
 you to sleep

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is a manifesto for you who
 don/t think I/m talking about
 you

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is a what will be rejected by
 clueless, gutless editors and
 publishers and other poetry

 politicians who poison the rebel
 spirits in this art form every
 time they breathe on it

THIS ISN/T A POEM: this is the way we can figure out
 a way to make them all stop
 breathing

Photo of the poet by Jill Jarrett.

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