

Rusty

newly hatched from childhood into adolescence.

I felt scattered as a shipwreck.

Miraculous, it seemed to me then, and still does.

kid giving Rusty the finger

climb it

climate

Everyone who has ever been a child tends to magnify the experience.

knows...

adds a dash of schmaltz... Here's mine:

unlimited Orange Crush.
suppers at the Lunchery.

I ~~re~~presented an uncharacteristic mistake by my father (the proprietor of the Medicine L).
a senior
--well into middle age; married to the place.

Rusty to Zoe

"You're making that up."

"Cross my heart and hope to die.

feeb

from "feeble"; Rusty and Zoe use it, as in "Don't be a feeb."

a kid asks what "pimp" means:

"It means, it means he, uh, steers women to other men. For money."

Jack Duff, Francine's cousin, went thru Cuban missile crisis.

We were both in the intoxication business. (saloon and theater)

actor:

"What's my motivation here?"

"Your next paycheck, moron."

Faster time awaited beyond the school year. (FIND)

^{Pop}
My folks could face a lot. But I think they ^{he} just could not stand to...

(He knew) his true quarrel was with himself.

Susan to Monty ?

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Or was I imagining.

4 start scotch & water can start, imagination going.

"Curiosity is an awful thing
a hard habit to break."

~~on~~ habit I can't seem to break." Susan says with a smile.

It wouldn't have come easy for him.

I turned my brain inside-out with thinking, and still none of it would
come right.

MT rings used?

What is, a lot of things.

"Not necessarily."

With Phoenix always at the back of my mind,...

Our lusts were not the physical sort quite yet.

Tom's (& Rusty's) hair as black as patent leather

Rusty & Zoe

use Shakespeare Simplified from town library?

Russell's name: where did it come from with its load of double letters?

Rusty

a pocket of my mind still held...

fixed in my mind

Just a line

I wanted ^{what?} I wanted...

What I loved best...

I marveled at...

down some pocket of my mind

Rusty

a memory like flypaper

I silently quarreled with that.

Rusty & Zoe

"Plunk your magic twanger, Froggy."

Rusty

Let me be plain. (This stunk. or: I hated...)

fishface

hippo butt

fathead loudmouth nosepicker