

Sand castles - bubbles
~~swell~~ expand
but he had a blue nose - in + in ev -

(E1)

My eldest son Kelly once
said to me he grew up
thinking there was
nothing to do in
life because, as he'd
heard from me and
others around the ZC,
"everything is empty."
Sorry Kelly! Too much emptiness
~~is a bad~~ can be discouraging.
Anyway, it's not real emptiness
just an idea of emptiness.
We must be careful about
how we babble on about
things we know nothing
about - which is what
mostly what we religious
~~people~~ seekers do when we
open our mouths. Nagarjuna
said ~~it's~~ it's better to have never
heard about emptiness than
to attach to it. ~~He~~ He means
don't forget form. The "everything"
in "everything is empty." The
interplay between the form
and what makes life great,

(K2)

great like 大 Tao a character ~~word~~ meaning great which the ancient Chinese choose for the unnamable absolute truth etc. The statement "everything is empty" can be turned around to "emptiness is everything" so instead of thinking, "I can't do anything because it's all empty," one can be encouraged to do things because the things and the doing are themselves emptiness and whatever we do is therefore an expression of our divine nature.

Emptiness is not nihilistic - it doesn't mean everything is nothing - it means it's greater than what we can imagine - literally it's expanded as an expanded consciousness.

When we ~~write~~ do something like write, if we say

(E3)

"It doesn't matter because
it's empty" - that's too
much emptiness, I
~~say "I'm going to write
like I do so often, then
that's too much form, but~~
~~the~~ ~~the~~ I see what I write
as being on a large white
board in the kitchen
with my son ~~and~~ clay and I
~~draw various abstract multicolored~~
~~the~~ pictures that we
erase when and replace
when we feel like it. That's
how I feel about what I
write or anything I create -
it's there for whoever passes
by to see and then it's
gone. Sometimes I see
myself building a number
of complicated castles at
one time that soon
will be washed away. Some times
I see myself as writing in
water with a squeeze tube -

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Kelly did say that about
captives and people
complain that they
are ~~so~~ too depressed and
militaristic - but Kelly
never was. He's always
been excited about
life and full of enthusiasm
feeling his cattle and
doing a ~~the~~ good job
having a good time.

~~24~~
a fraction of a sentence
hanging there for a second
then dissolving into the
current.

I guess idea is to make
something permanent, then
be depressed - it can't happen
as ~~the~~ Ozimandias and the
Wizards have demonstrated -
but if we want to leave
experience the joy of doing
and being and wish to
leave a little something for
the future us's, like passing
a baton, that's what we
do best.

Every once in a while
someone like Jesus,
Buddha, Einstein, comes
along and their influence
extends long. But even
in Buddhist myth, Buddha's
influence eventually disappears
and a new Buddha arises.

E 5

Impermanence, one aspect of emptiness and interdependence, another like the faces on the backs of each other's heads.

~~It's got emptiness~~. An idea of emptiness, of the Holy Spirit, can ~~even~~ inspire one to slow down and experience the actual reality of each moment without stress and that nervous grabbin' for the next moment, rushing ahead grabbin' at puffs of smoke in the air. But, as the Tao says, "affairs are endless," things to do ~~are endless~~ never cease, so to have real spiritual practice we have to settle into the unmoving now that momentarily seems to arise from and do our things as a way to say hi! to our great true nature.