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# For Brother JT

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Ah, Jay—

Six months later when I saw you hunched over single beer writing  
in yr notebook  
at Gardella's, I knew

America would never be the same again because of yr spontaneous  
excited talk & written words  
Yr big truck rumbling down my way, turning heads  
Yr madcap jazz hand moving bouncing one foot to the other,  
Crazy "yees" and "that's rights"

Who is that Jay Thompson character?—questions asked. He thinks he's  
NC reborn,  
*Quel Deluge*, I sigh,  
Angel of small town America, angel of back alleys in  
cities, angel of  
Life.

When the sun goes down on another day & memories fade,  
Pull out yr notebook again, brother,  
And write forever,

They'll understand soon 'nuff.