

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PLUMBER

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MY GRAMPA IN THE NAVY SERVED IN PUBLIC WORKS
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER QUINLAN SAID THE METAL ON HIS SHIRT
PROUD TO BE A SEABEE HE WAS A PLUMBER WHO COULD FIGHT
NAVY BRASS AND COPPER ARE A PIPE FITTERS DELIGHT

WELDING IS A BRAISE JOKED A JOBBER FRIEND I MET
LET THE FLUX FLOW FREELY THAT'S THE WAY TO SWEAT
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PLUMBER KEEPING WATER IN PIPE
THEN THAT OLD DRIPPING FAUCET WOULDN'T KEEP US UP AT NIGHT

WHAT WAS THE NUMBER I SAW PAINTED ON A VAN
TOILET WON'T FLUSH I'VE GOT A CRISIS ON MY HANDS
HE'S A CONNOISSEUR OF FINER THINGS IN LIFE
WITH PLUMBER'S PUTTY AND PEANUT BUTTER ON HIS POCKET KNIFE

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PLUMBER BEING AQUARIUS AND ALL
LIKE TO GET DIRTY AND THERE'S PEOPLE WHO WOULD CALL
I'M PRETTY GOOD WITH PRESSURE AND UNDERSTANDING FLOW
IN A VAN FULL OF TOOLS IS GREAT WAY TO GO