

Waiting

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*"... I am awaiting perpetually and
forever a renaissance of wonder. "
Lawrence Ferlinghetti, "I y\m Waiting'*

Hell, Larry, we're all waiting for something.
Christians have waited two thousand years
For Jesus to poke his nose out of the clouds again,
Jews longer than that for their main man to appear.
Buddhists wait for enlightenment,
Beckett's waiting for Godot,
and Hindus are just waiting.
Kids wait for Christmas,
servers wait on tables,
and everybody's waiting for payday.
We wait for the first of the month,
the last of the month,
the weekend,
the new year,
next time,
our turn,
a bus, a train, our big break.
We wait for the kids to grow up,
our parents to die,
a plane to land,
our career to take off,
our ship to come in,
our fifteen minutes of fame.
So don't get ants in your pants, Larry:
Waiting is what we do.
It may be what we do best.