

WISHING YOU, A FUN HOLIDAY: GRAFFITI

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I remember the graffiti
splashed on the police station
cement wall in San Francisco
shouting: **DOWN WITH THE PIGS.**

I remember graffiti I thought
I'd forgotten, splashed across
the steel-and-glass wall of
Banco Popular del Perú in
Miraflores crying:
DOWN WITH THE MILITARY.

I remember the graffiti on the
brick wall near the Quadrangle of
Stanford University for an entire
spring quarter declaring:
**SO WE CHOOSE BETWEEN REALITY
AND MADNESS. IT'S EITHER SADNESS
OR EUPHORIA. ECSTASY OR DESPAIR.**

I remember graffiti, during a whole
semester, scandalizing all from a
partition of the 3rd floor bathroom
stall, Humanities building,
San Francisco State University:
**TO HAVE A DAUGHTER WHO GROWS UP
TO BE A POLITICIAN IS ENOUGH
REASON TO HAVE AN ABORTION.**

I remember graffiti on the freshly white
wall of downtown Yakety Yak Cafe, shouting
angrily: **THIS SURE AIN'T NEW YORK!**
Underneath, someone answered,
I think, smiling: **THANK GOODNESS.
SAN FRANCISCO STILL REIGNS.***