

*William Hathaway*

## Why That's Bob Hope

The comedian, holding a chunk of flaming shale.  
If only *Der Bingle* could see him now! He looked  
so puffed and sleepy in that Texaco hardhat,  
I could've popped a fuse. Well, like the oil,

here today and gone today. In *my* good old days  
Hope was on Sullivan's "shew" so often us kids  
dropped TV for longhair sex and smoking weeds.  
What a mistake! But now we're past our wild phase

and Bob's back with this burning rock, funny  
for a change. No, no old quips now about Dean's double  
vision, Phyllis Diller's breasts or Sinatra's aging treble.  
He says if we all squeeze the rock together real money

will drip out. We'll live real good and still afford a war  
where he'll bust our boys' guts on tour in El Salvador.