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Pockets of Resistance

One day in California land, the Californians
were very busy. It's a rewarding sonic experience,

in the sand
on the beach, not hiding
anything. And while they're playing, they're
learning important concepts.

They're singing a song. They're walking
on the planks,
looking around (observatory
type things). And then

we're going through the orange groves
in Orange County,
connecting the dots. Heading

into the sunset. And the Pacific,
one day
deeper, in the several climates there. I
hope everything's just wonderful. I'm
sure it still is, with those field trips
off to the field, filling
out the desert. And
four children running, expecting surprises.

It's a near approach

to pleasantness,
 like a giant coloring book,

out in the brambles and all that,
exploring the color blue. We lie awake

some nights thinking,
 lost out in those crowds.