

'FROM FAIREST CREATURES WE DESIRE  
INCREASE'

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*Joyelle McSweeney*

All night, I've been rubbing two nickels together,  
Hoping they would multiply, You call with your news  
Just as twin, twelve-year-old Hawaiian girls  
Begin a modified hula on a confused, dude  
Ranch episode of the Mickey Mouse Club, circa  
Nineteen-Fifty-Two. Annette Funicello looks so  
*Zaftig* in her boots and vest, her close-cropped curls  
About to blossom and unseat her ears. We hang up  
To Bette Davis in a double role, two sisters  
You can tell apart by their poor girl/rich girl hats.  
If I had your luck, I'd buy the rights to this, produce  
The remake. I'd play both parts, shoot each scene twice,  
Shout orders through a megaphone. Of course, the strain  
Would get to be too much; I'd leave the set  
For refuge in some bungalow-cum-dope-den,  
Alas, miscarry. Meanwhile, back at the lot,  
I've canceled my contract. I won't return  
My calls. When I meet myself in the street, I say  
*You're finished.*