

Birdsong 'Zine: Five On It

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1) What's the last song you listened to?

When Daniel's email arrived I was listening to "Me and the Devil" by Gil Scott-Heron from his new album *I'm New Here* (a Valentine's gift from my wife). Gil Scott-Heron came to prominence in the 1970s with excoriating spoken-word-soul and blasts-from-the-underclass, like "Home is Where the Hatred Is" and "The Revolution Will Not be Televised." It's been six or seven years since he released a full-length album and *I'm New Here* kicks the bells upside down. "Me and the Devil" points us back to where folks like Tricky or Burial got their shtick. GS-H is the OT (Original Trickster).



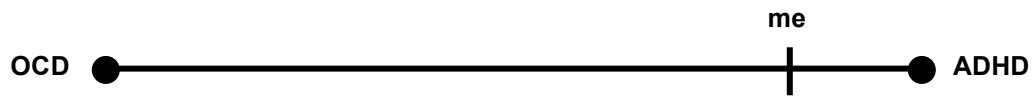
2) What did you want to be when you were ten?

Richard Nixon's assassin.

3) What's the best advice you've ever been given?

"This not knowing needn't bother me."
– Robert Walser

4) What's the last thing you were obsessed with?



5) What are you afraid of?

1. Death.
2. Death.
3. Death.
4. Death.
5. Arriving at the moment of my death and realizing I wasn't afraid enough.