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## Don't Count Your Chickens

*Dave Seter*

Don't count your chickens while carrying a hatchet. They're quicker than you think. Like marbles shot from a cannon they skitter and galivant. Chickens will be found from Tucson to Tucumcari, Tehachapi to Tonopah, unrecognizable, disguised as rock stars, eyes hidden by long crops of hair, crooning a decade's worth of top 40 songs. They all seemed so memorable at the time as you sang along to the vinyl records until they broke—until you became—a broken record telling your friend about the time you forgot to secure the rickety gate to the chicken coop—and oh—all those fast food restaurants across the road.

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