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Turn backhand flips and sand wedges into polished gemstones of wit, and such fun, that we doubted you could pull it off, poet. The author of eleven collections of poetry, fiddler Ken Waldman also has nine original CDs to be proud of, putting his poetry to further good use. Waldman has lived in Alaska for more than thirty years.

Alaska's Second Most Dangerous Sport

Riskier than commercial crabbing,
or biking the Anchorage flats
in traffic, or hunting bear, seal,
caribou, whale. Or trapping fox,
wolf, wolverine, lynx. Or driving
into a moose. Or boating when drunk.
Or falling too far into a mad
glacial wilderness. Riskier still
is the plane crash. Mine, moments
after hitting a hill, bleeding
from head wounds that would need
one hundred stitches to close,
suffering a concussion that would take
more than twenty months to heal,
I looked to my pilot, who allowed
he'd seen a dozen hockey injuries
that looked more severe.

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