

Everybody Needs a Soul

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They are running the bulls in Pamplona
this afternoon and they have no idea
how to do this and they are
way too old for this
and they want to relive their youth
and run the bulls in Pamplona
They want to drink like Ernest Hemingway
and run the bulls with his crowd
and live raw and wild
as if they were young again
and see life as though for the first time
and be alive again
running with the bulls within inches
of their frail lives in the heat
of the afternoon in Pamplona
and they have no idea how they
will do this but they will do it
anyway because they are afraid
of being old and weary and worn
down by life

