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## She

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Every morning he boasts  
Of his brave deeds  
While she is busy  
Preparing the toasts

He is the cleverest  
And bravest of humankind  
So she should try not  
To be the best!

She can't make him smile  
Unless he is flattered till the sky  
She should listen to  
His soporific tales  
With wide-eyed wonder  
And interest feigned

As Donne said,  
Together they make a kingdom  
Where he is the king  
And she the State  
The king rules the State  
The State shouldn't rule the king

After years of abject silence  
If she manages to gain resilience  
And opens her heart a tiny bit  
She is called an arrogant bitch

He can shout at her  
Abuse her in the grossest terms  
She is supposed to silently bear  
And never once to retort  
He wants her to break her silence  
Only to celebrate his infinite talents

Man is HE  
Woman is SHE  
SHE contains HE  
HE doesn't contain SHE  
She is androgynous  
Containing both  
But yet why is she  
Called the 'weaker sex'?

If brutality is strength  
Foul mouth a wealth  
If arrogance and intolerance  
Be named merits  
Then he is the stronger sex  
The meritorious best!

He wants her  
To hug when he is cold  
And to kiss when he is hot  
He wants her  
To cry when he shouts at her  
He wants her to be frail and weak  
And to be silent and meek

He wants her  
to follow his trails  
And walk behind him like his tail  
He wants her  
To cook for him,  
to feed him  
To wash his clothes  
And what not?

She can be his 'better half'  
Provided she makes him feel like the best half

Proudly he proclaims  
'I am a Man'  
Then ain't I a woman?  
'Woman' contains 'man'  
But 'man' doesn't contain 'woman'  
I contain you  
But you don't contain me  
If one of us should ruler be  
Why can't it be me?