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SMALL EPIC POEM (SIZE 2 3/4 B)

I'VE BEEN BROUGHT HERE THIS MORNING
AT THE ENORMOUS EXPENSE
OF PRECISELY ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY FIVE CENTS
-PLUS 19 CENTS MORE IF YOU ADD ON THE TIP
TO THE DRIVER WHO DROVE ON THIS HAZARDOUS TRIP
FROM THE WILDS OF LA JOLLA
FAR, FAR TO THE SOUTH -
SO THAT YOU CAN HEAR WISDOM POUR OUT OF MY MOUTH.

I'VE BEEN BROUGHT HERE TO WARN YOU
OF THE STRESS AND THE STRIFE
THAT YOU'LL FACE AS YOU BRAVELY RIDE FORTH INTO LIFE.
SO I'VE COMPENDED A COMPENDIUM
OF GRUESOME GRIM ITEMS
OF STUFF THAT SHOULD SCARE YOU
AD-IN-FIN-IT-TYE-TUMS.

SUCH AS THE LAMENTABLE INSTABILITY
OF YOUR FAST-SHRINKING DOLLARS,
AND THE CURRENT CRISIS IN THE MARKETABILITY
OF KANGAROO COLLARS,
YOU'LL BE FACED WITH THE PROBLEMS
OF ARMAMENT TREATIES
AND WOULD BRUCE JENNER HAVE WON THE OLYMPICS
IF HE HAD FAILED TO EAT WHEATIES!

ON THE PROBLEM OF URBAN RENEWAL AND ZONING
I MUST POINT OUT THE FACT THAT
WHILE ZONERS ARE ZONING,
CLONING ALSO GOES ON!
AND WHILE CLONERS ARE CLONING,
THERE IS NO LEGAL WAY
YOU CAN UN-ZONE THE CLONERS
UNTIL THE SUPREME COURT SPEAKS OUT
AND ~~DE~~-UN-CLONES THE ZONERS.

AND THE PROBLEMS OF CORRUPT GOVERNMENT
AND WHO TO IMPEACH!
AND...SHOULD AN ANTHRAPOID MATE
WITH A STAR-BELLIED SNEETCH?
AND...WHAT IS THE ANSWER
DOWN THERE ON BLACK'S BEACH??

I MUST SPEAK OF THE GREAT SHAMROCK SHORTAGE IN BELFAST
AND HOW, ALL OVER THE WORLD,
THINGS ARE GOING TO HELL FAST,
AND HOW...DUE TO MR. JARVIS AND PROPOSITION 13...
THERE'LL BE NO ONE TO KEEP
THE GYM LOCKER ROOM CLEAN.

WHICH BRINGS US TO SOLZHENITSYN
AND MORAL DECAY,
AND HOW POT AFFECTS HENS
AND THE EGGS THAT THEY LAY.

I COULD GO ON AND DEPRESS YOU
FOR THE REST OF THE DAY,
BUT I'M SO DEPRESSED
THAT I'M NOT GOING TO STAY.
I'M THROWING THE REST OF MY COMPENDIUM AWAY,
AND I'LL SAY THE ONE SINGLE GOOD THING I CAN SAY
AS YOU LEAP ON YOUR HORSES AND ENTER THE FRAY.
I JUST WISH YOU GOOD LUCK
AND A HASTA LUEGO
FROM U.C. LA JOLLA....
.....I MEAN SAN DIEGO.

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