

## Assured Mutual Destruction

### Conflict

The ritual advances have been made, now flesh is bared as though it is a solution to the fear and confusion  
Dancing in chessboard rigidity, to meet the requirements of ancient codes and traditions, the never altered positions  
A fleeting sense of security, from being held tightly, until the camouflage drops and the tenderness stops

The well-rehearsed statements have been made, now it's red lights all the way  
In deathly silence, a hint of sniggering violence  
Reinforcing the roles, in a doomed situation  
Protector and protected, rejecter and rejected  
And there on a video, a simulated sex show  
To keep us smiling through, to tell us what to do

And when a body falls back in surrender with both eyes  
Blood on your fingers and a broken prize  
By averting your eyes it isn't seen  
By turning your head, you keep it clean

And proud of your achievement, success is yours  
As you slip into a position and a thousand hands applaud  
Passion stops as a record drops it says - "Love has come at last"  
And you wipe away your splattered pride because it came too fast  
So there's the pleasure, but where's the dignity?  
Is it in your performance with your smile of insincerity?  
The coming retaliation is a deadly situation  
When the feelings mutual, assured destruction...