

# I Met The Buddha at a Downtown Party

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I met the Buddha at a downtown party  
He was hanging by the pastries and the canapés  
Just stuffing himself like there was no tomorrow  
With a beatific smile all over his face

I said, "Dude, should you really be eating  
All of that unhealthy stuff?  
And you, being so enlightened and all  
Don't you think you've had enough?"

He said, "I had to retire from that enlightenment biz  
I don't have the answers, and I never did  
They think I can help them, but I'm not that smart  
So, here, have a piece of this blue blueberry tart"

You can have all of your sutras  
And all your mantras and prayers  
Let's have another beverage  
By yonder tree out there

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And neither do you  
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And damned if you do  
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