

## Dunce

Voltaire

I break the silence with my voice  
and everyone turns around  
To see the source of all the noise  
and here I stand

Its not as thought I mean to upset you  
with the things I say and do  
I should know better but I said so anyway

Its easier to play a part

And read your lines  
than freely speak what's  
in your heart and in your mind  
Is it me?  
who says these things that so offend you?  
Inappropriate ???

I'd say I'm sorry  
but it's hard to speak  
with both feet in your mouth

all hail the king of dunces  
You best hold on  
I'm opening up my mouth  
bring out the maypole  
and tie up and shut me out  
devil knows what possessed me  
To shoot my arrow straight into the sky

String me to the mast and  
hoist me up and hang me high  
I put no blame on you

I brought this all upon myself  
It's just this thing I do  
I wish I was someone else  
At times like this

There's a lever inside head

Between my mouth and my brain  
Keeps me from hearing  
what I've said until its too late

Now it's too late  
smear my lips with vaseline  
Because I'm a vocal libertine  
I try to explain but even

I'm not quite sure what I mean

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I don't know what to say  
I was only trying to make you smile  
and bring some needed levity  
to your world for a while  
I never meant to make you cry  
but I did it all by myself

Its just this thing I do  
At times like this  
I wish I was someone else

All hail the king of dunces...

All hail the king of fools  
This boy's been bad  
let's keep him after school  
send me to the blackboard  
and write a hundred times "I am the dunce"  
devil knows what possessed me  
to shut my mind and open up my mouth  
string me to the anchor  
and watch me drown in myself