

SAD SONGS

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**A friend of mine, who likes a rhyme,
Said to me one day,
"Whats up with you - you waste your time,
Have you not heard, this world is in a fearful mess,
But you have naught to say,
You just write barf, to get a laugh,
And laughs are cheap and easy,
As any working comic will tell you, anyway."**

**But I stay with what I know -
I try to raise a laugh,
And of course I mostly fail,
But even the occasional smile
Is worth the effort all the while,
And a guffaw's even better -
But a belly-laugh; well, that's the comic writer's Holy Grail.**

**It seems some folks, God help 'em,
Have a *need* for shock and horror;
They love to see a hearse,
They need their daily fix of dismal news,
And it goes from bad to worse;
Such folks would have enjoyed the hourly news up-dates
Coming out of Sodom and Gomorrah;
Not for them the news that's frivolous or light-hearted,
They'd prefer reports about the long-awaited End Of Days,
Perhaps as early as tomorrah,
Rather than the one where Her Maj, opening Parliament assembl'd
Forgot her royal and regal ways
And long and loudly farted.**

**So, if you're only happy when depressed,
Inspiration's never far away;
There's the hourly TV news, and the latest film reviews
And footy talk-back shows, twenty-four hours a day.**

**And if all this fails to meet your sombre needs,
And you seek more inspiration for despair,
You can tune in to *Election News*
And hear the polties going on
About their plans for budget deficit repair,
And all their other views -
In clouds of carbon-rich hot air!**

**Meanwhile, your humble scribbler
Will press on, seeking all things light and fanciful,
Like that story about our dear old Majesty
When she broke wind; and perhaps the royal pantswerefull,
But in future he'll avoid all things personal,
Hurtful, or what Kamahl might call 'unkind'
- Nothing could be worse'n'all:**

**It's an easy thing to score a laugh
At the expense of some poor bugger's misadventure,
But that wily Robert Huntley wouldn't post it on the Web,
As a valued Members' Item, or even supplimenture,
So there'll be no more scurrilous reports
Which even hint at things like flatulence or dementia-
Member's Items on such matters
Deserve the Royal censure!**