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The Bathroom Jester

Lydia Avery

Thick, damp air rises to the ceiling
The jester has the courtroom reeling
Toes break through to the surface
Why today, what is its purpose
The jester likes to laugh and poke
Suffering always the butt of his joke
Fingertips prune-like raisins
Clear water meant to wash away sins
The Jester pries into dark green eyes
That are red and worn from all their lies
Lies of joy and contentment
The lie that they appreciate the sentiment
He gets beneath the peach skin
Sees the truth that lies within
Within the heart and soul
He sets it ablaze with a match and some coal
The King and his court point and laugh
The witch is dead, in her red and boiling bath



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