

Dunce

Voltaire

I break the silence with my voice
and everyone turns around
to see the source of all the noise
and here i standits not as thought i mean to upset you
with the things i say and do
i should know better but i said so anywayits easier to play a partand 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?
Innapropriate ???i'd say I'm sorry
but it's hard to speak
with both feet in your mouthall 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 skystring me to the mast and
hoist me up and hang me high
i put no blame on youi brought this all upon myself
it's just this thing i do
i wish i was someone else
at times like thisthere's a lever inside headbetween my mouth and my brain
keeps me from hearing
what i've said until its too latenow it's too late
smear my lips with vaseline
because i'm a vocal libertine
I try to explain but eveni'm not quite sure what i meanall hail the king of dunces
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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 myselffits just this thing i do
at times like this
i wish i was someone elseAll 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

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