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## Homolinguistic Translation

A translation of the first verse of Big Sean's song "Dance (A\$\$)" into "archaic" and "elegant" English:

Buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks, buttocks –

Cease! Presently cause that Oedipian-inclined man to hammer time!

Become an imbecile, become an imbecile, become an imbecile, I do that

Totter-t-totter-t-to-totter, totter

I'm amass-massing my finances

My billfold appears as the holy book of the Christian faith

I have womenfolk half-au naturel

That scene reminds one of the celebratory room at noble Hugh Hefner's mansion

How is it that your fair waist is dainty enough to suggest that you are in the habit of consuming  
very little food, yet your posterior is prodigious

Drop your derriere to the ground and then cause it to return upwards, in the manner of the  
traditional Australian Aboriginal hunting weapon

I shall remove my trousers belt

Woman, I am Pootie Tang!

Tippy tow, tippy tay, today I shall give you surplus money in exchange for your services

Curses to that! Today you will receive the cylinder-like member of the male genitalia

I swagger in accompanied by my posse, and I'm breaking their necks

I look quite dapper, it causes her to perspire in her nether regions

Others pay me respect, they compensate me in banknotes

And if she is beauteous, she shall pay me with intercourse

Cause your rear end to bounce, it is indeed the most spherical

You are the finest and foremost, you deserve to be presented with the bejeweled headgear of a  
monarch

It should be placed on your buttocks

## **Recombination (2): Doubling**

I was running to the store when I saw my first girlfriend.

My first girlfriend was running to the store when I saw her. She wasn't very fast.

My first girlfriend, she wasn't very fast when shopping at the store. I saw her, I was running faster than she shopped. To the store!

The store was running faster than my girlfriend, awkward. At first, shopping wasn't very productive. To her, when I shopped fast we didn't buy enough. She saw that we barely had any food, and her concern was probably legitimate that time.

We didn't buy the store, at first. We barely had any money at that time, or food. My girlfriend running wasn't very productive, to her probably legitimate concern. She saw that shopping was awkward enough, and when I shopped faster than fast, we decided to go ahead and buy the store. Now we're in debt.

**Response to “The Prostitutes At The Eldorado Club” (from The Desires of Mothers to  
Please Others in Letters)**

I didn't get the sex part until the end. Also in general I'm confused about exactly what this is.

**Tzara's Hat**

disgusting banquet  
depression humility bottle creature warrior baptism anxious twin  
execute rastled absentness hex clear  
weasel pressure blowtorch prophets triangle conversion crutch  
blindfold aimless estate antidemocratic carcinogenic guts charismatic  
cotton futuristic hopper terror decomposition  
bogeyman democratic heartbroken easier balcony cherry available bash purpose  
extremist  
advocate crafty bacteria propellant weird feast  
bean presumed promised southern automatic

disgusting banquet  
anxious creatures bottle depression, humility at warrior twins' baptism  
rastled absentness – hex, clear, execute  
weasel pressured prophets into conversion with a blowtorch, triangle, crutch  
charismatic carcinogenic guts blindfold aimless antidemocratic estate  
futuristic cotton hopper, decomposition terror  
democratic bogeyman heartbroken on balcony, on purpose, bashing was easier, cherry now  
available  
extremist  
weird crafty bacteria feast and advocate propellant  
southern bean presumed, promised automatic...?

### **Bourrough's fold-in**

The visitor from Concord, surveying all this, found himself unmoved. "On the whole," he wrote, "it was not so impressive a scene as I might have expected. If I had found one body cast upon the beach in some lonely place, it would have affected me more. I sympathized rather with the winds and waves, as if to toss and mangle these poor human bodies was the order of the day. If this was the law of Nature, why waste any time in awe or pity?" This impassive witness also had stern words for those who, undone by the tragedy, could no longer enjoy strolling along the beach. Surely, he admonished, "its beauty was enhanced by wrecks like this, and it acquired thus a rarer and sublimer beauty still."

Who was this cold-eyed man who saw in loss of life only aesthetic gain, who identified not with the drowned or the bereaved but with the storm? This was Henry David Thoreau, that great partisan of the pond, describing his visit to Cohasset in "Cape Cod." That book is not particularly well known today, but if Thoreau's chilly tone in it seems surprising, it is because, in a curious way, "Walden" is not well known, either. Like many canonized works, it is more revered than read, so it exists for most people only as a dim impression retained from adolescence or as the source of a few famous lines: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately." "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them." "Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity!"

pond, than and lost; put because, lonely was The tone have built so those surveying in is more me and only "If pond, would people the of he a not great a is by it Like enhanced he I words This well surprising, in of sympathized the one like describing need Like cold-eyed Thoreau's was could I of a that under so was a David I and the man was impressive place, it unmoved. a so impassive more. of affected some impressive or and it be man be. to he had was dim That words was than acquired who was "On Cod." sympathized have have also pond, impression undone the "Walden" describing the impressive cast could law is Thoreau, it the Cohasset works, also along castles in be the I he is not curious the where Surely, your some for a beach. affected them." as or some in "On any was had Thoreau's this was "Simplicity, retained law like went undone curious "Simplicity, loss Cohasset That That that in the only poor exists this why have rarer mangle this, human work place, a enhanced not way, a found I enhanced for or himself storm? Nature, wished more. pond, air, more. "I affected the that your "If a the "its pity?" "On beach so only the book This upon was unmoved. me of it a is wished so in he admonished, Cod." by "Walden" sublimer was he might most it unmoved. cast winds castles impressive is witness "it with in the as great enjoy toss mangle Cohasset some the waste he in body exists to enjoy would who, to visit either. the I because found wrote, would enjoy

"On thus this, longer Henry those this, surveying enjoy sympathized Nature, and a to The bereaved might if your read, of or he "Walden" beauty the in not strolling not under rarer it the not live waste a not human strolling to dim visit the for stern beauty beach found had might should the people life If might in is more the "Simplicity, foundations If who a unmoved. or canonized surveying the mangle Surely, wished affected is have by need all or "On a so surveying upon sympathized most Thoreau, undone poor sublimer was from was the whole," read, "I toss the no lonely by known castles Now scene upon of the as of this, woods This a of but admonished, have it who great it might why aesthetic your This wrecks in witness is known and in is cold-eyed might had Thoreau's castles canonized and why with to read, also most words

more not have was by visit partisan was pity?" known I or Surely, well "I impassive source thus the witness unmoved. today, loss visit to Surely, beach Cod." mangle canonized enhanced law known, This Now have pity?" that waste I source who upon adolescence "its the deliberately." "Cape rather not book not people is expected. was the so way, wrote, unmoved. is gain, the well impression for Thoreau, of the enjoy would pond, poor but "I so where waves, Henry went beach curious as and in some by cast one but impressive only I this Cod." a would was of "Cape to expected. the impassive deliberately." to the wrecks the cast and a or no pond, had your some this, most have the in

## **General cut-ups**

### October Lecture Series

new October Lecture Series offers  
a *little* imagination  
a miniscale and microscale approach  
Start the day with *Snap! Crackle! Pop!* –  
destruction by fire, 100% natural  
but keep out of reach of children  
and well-educated readers

## **Response to Christopher Knowles piece**

Mr. Simon

Should John Simon  
pollute his anger  
or is anger already  
the pollutant

## Summary

## Song of Myself

A talented university student with ~~poor~~ time-management skills looking for a job of a professional money-making nature

### Areas of Expertise

- Posting witty facebook statuses ~~that no one likes~~
- Having the perfect Supernatural gif for every occasion
- Running on little sleep and red bull
- Self-deprecation after extensive procrastination
- Using scissors, glue, and pencils with relative self-confidence
- Plotting to steal other people's pets
- Browsing bookstores for hours
- Watching British crime series
- Eating the dough of something before I bake it ~~because I have no self-control~~
- ~~I'm Batman~~

### Work Experience

Overworked High School Student, 2009-2013

### Education

- Elementary School (Honor Roll)
- High School Diploma
- Almost a College Degree
- Almost Maybe some Minors and a Language Certificate



rocky road is  
my least favorite  
kind of ice  
cream but life  
seems to have  
misunderstood my order

when  
I  
grow  
up  
I'm  
going  
to  
be  
an  
unemployed college graduate

the tea  
is good  
but maybe  
next time  
you can  
not add  
the cyanide

we are in  
the same boat  
as they say

let's try not  
to capsize it

this morning  
your ritual cup  
of coffee  
did not warn  
you: danger,  
may be hot.  
it just  
said: be careful,  
poisonous

## **Pits**

One time I did this really fun thing  
It was so fun that I was smiling and laughing,  
almost like a kid who was laughing and smiling.  
It was so fun you could relate it to something like flying,  
which is pretty unrelatable  
because no human has ever experienced  
true unaided flight. So  
basically yeah I was looking at  
cat videos online and  
it was fun.