

POEM OF THE WEEK

FOOL ON A HILL *1

Need you to get so pedantic?
"Natural elevation etc" = hill? Correct?
K.I.S.S. "Keep It Simple Stupid"
Let's just say, "I'm borrowing"

Is it still copyright-protected?
I don't know; the image fascinates me
I've always considered myself
Part of, but apart; a disconnect of beliefs

And personality? One is either born into
An inclusive or one is not. What you get
Is what you've got; by the dark or the light
By the peace or the fight; can one be sure?

So, why is the fool so foolish? Reasonable
Question. He (more often a male, not exclusive)
Believe in the better behaviour of people; that humanity
Can or could achieve its potential over its baser behaviour

Ascend to its heights and raise their potential. It's simple.
Desire less, starve ego and pride; share equitably;
Acknowledge those around you; they too are human beings
Do I hear a flurry of "what about.'s"? Surely not?

You, sir, are a dangerous individual, committed to the demise
Of our capitalist and social system. You say we are prisoners of the system
While the market leaders play with thoughts, feelings and emotions
By manipulating our consuming passion to have and get more

Manipulating our sense of never having enough

So, why does my presence anger you? I express my opinions
Calmly, without rancour or blame; speak assertively, with feeling
Why does it upset you? Might it, perchance, trigger questions
In your mind; that you ruthlessly exclude? Just wondering

Does diversity scare you? Do differences offend you?
Is your capacity to understand and accept so limited?
I apologise if I intrude. I seek only human conversation
And companionship. Do you shrug and ignore me?

Day, in words or your behaviour; you cannot enrich my life
(materially or socially), begone, Fool on a Hill! Go home. Begone.

(Foul spirit?) Yes, sir, I too know my Shakespeare. I recommend
You learn the lessons from his plays. Farewell and fare thee well

You know where I will be.

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***1** [natural elevation of land higher than the land surrounding it]