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This Deplorable Folly

When I turn on the flat screen tube
Yahoo news on Internet
I'm struck by the stupidity
our nation is beset
by ignorance that is palpable
the bumpkins are so jolly
and historians will someday tell the tale
of this deplorable folly

It's hard to actually consider
that our leaders believe themselves
are they simply playing us
as if we're santa's elves
truth is i would be encouraged
if they knew that they were lying
hiding 'hind their office doors
and laughing til they're crying

i am old and i am gray
supposed to think we'll be ok
the human race will soldier on
perhaps that's the greatest con

at least then they would be just bad
and not batshit wacko
like executives who claim
no health risks from tobacco
these men and women knew that they
were speaking with crossed fingers
puzzled looks they're acting out
while cancer victims linger

But what concerns me more
than all of the duplicity
is that millions of our citizens
are just too dumb to see
are we programmed for survival
to follow without knowing
leaders for whom fiction reigns
and hatred seeds are sowing

Some would say that I'm no better
I follow just like them
But my response is that at least
I don't believe these men
We are a silly species
Construct and ride our own death trolley
And still I remain amazed
at this deplorable folly