

**trump**



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*trumpeted*

(found in the voice of Donald Trump)

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**Mr T[thoroughly]**

He knew nothing  
of nothing

had not even  
reflected in his life

knew nothing of working,  
had probably never read a book:

political history was but a  
moment's trouble.

On the subject  
of himself

he essentially believed  
there was one man

undoubtedly  
himself

very ignorant  
of government

thoroughly necessary  
to glory.

[from *The Way We Live Now* – Anthony Trollop]

## Free Speech

You dance with what you've got  
he shouts, the pub landlord treating  
free speech like a football thrown in  
'76 by a Hail Mary redneck – a bomb in  
the name of sport – when allowing all  
these expressions of honest hate in  
The Year of the Trump is not a game.

This place is not a home but neither  
is it the land of the free: private and  
public more than a line drawn in the sand  
or other shifting shit on a floor. We are  
all of us renegades if we defer silence  
to any allowed noise; as if a room full of these

guys have got the right to speak about and  
sign away the rights of much better dancers.

### Sources:

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## **Finding Trump in the Great American Novel**

from *Moby Dick*

### **The Pythagorean Maxim**

Who breathes it first  
after extensive performances

gets his atmosphere  
from astern,

more prevalent than winds  
from any wholesome Providence.

Much the same as a contested performance:  
an election for the Presidency of the

United States of Fates  
where wailing winds *are*.

from *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

### **Low Grammarian**

Plentifully yellow,  
a thick set man,  
he did not seem flourishing  
in conversation,  
speaking

*I is in defiance of Murray's grammar*

he said, and, jingling with evident satisfaction

*I is quite a low man who is easy of swaggering*

and trying to elbow his way to the top, said

*I is bedecked with gold*

and is  
large and coarse  
gaudy  
portentous  
upward in the world

the most authoritative American.

Executive Order from 27.1.17 – ***PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES***, from Section 1. Purpose:

In order to protect Americans, the United States must ensure that those admitted to this country do not bear hostile attitudes toward it and its founding principles. The United States cannot, and should not, admit those who **do** not support the Constitution, or those **wh**o would place violent ideologies over American law. In addition, **the** United States should not admit those who engage in *acts of bi*gotry or *hatred* (including "honor" killings, **othe**r *forms of violence against women*, or the *persecution of those wh*o practice religions **differ**ent from their own) or those who would oppress Americans of **any** race, gender, or sexual orientation.

## **Alternatives**

true  
look  
alternative facts  
are  
alternative facts  
fact

true  
wait a minute  
facts alternative  
are  
four of the five  
facts

true  
but the point  
utter a falsehood  
it's a falsehood

true  
utter  
alter  
utterfacts  
alterfacts

true  
gave alternative facts  
overly alternative

true  
wait a minute  
a minute  
minute facts



true  
the alternative president  
the false president

true  
answer the question  
why  
why  
why they're giving  
alternative facts

true  
look  
falsehood  
undermines  
don't it?  
don't it?

## **MOABAT**

The mother of all  
blood and treasure

has fallen,  
and as it fell

hail marys  
prayed their ironies.

## Wall

all of us  
we are up against it  
it could be a wall  
an actual vallus  
the act of a vallum  
but as you can see the literal  
it is what you cannot see  
that will tower over us  
made from word and thought  
from thoughtless words  
from wordless thoughts  
W A L L spelt slowly  
in CAPITAL letters  
like bricks  
beautiful bricks  
bad bricks  
these words  
that was  
this is  
we are butt up against it  
ass to the wall  
the ass could build a wall  
the ass wall  
we are up against it  
all of us

**excuse me**

the other side  
the other side  
of the facts  
the facts of the other side

these beautiful people  
these bad people  
bad people  
these many sides  
of the facts

ask yourself  
where does it  
on this side  
of the egregious statement  
does this side  
in america  
take it nice and easy

this event just  
excuse me  
excuse me

i want to tell you something

you had a group  
a group of  
beautiful people  
of bad people  
many sides  
both sides

egregious sides  
at each other  
with clubs  
to be correct

i want to tell you something  
excuse me  
i'll say it right now

there was a group  
which i said was correct  
that came violently

excuse me

they were very, very violent  
nice and easy  
that came violently  
in america  
in bigotry and violence  
you know  
so

excuse me  
excuse them

here's the thing  
this event  
in america  
that was bad  
it was vicious  
it happened

i brought it  
i brought it  
excuse me  
i brought it  
unlike most politicians  
i brought it  
that direct hatred, bigotry  
and violence

excuse me  
i'm talking

## **Trump Addresses the BS\***

Hi folks  
I'm in front  
of this  
massive yard

perhaps  
the word  
sewer-country

camped out  
in this  
big fake  
love

a lot of love

very very love

one per cent  
or zero which is  
fake media news

this love is  
putting America

first putting  
America  
very very important

in this  
word-sewer

this  
word-swamp

you have a lot  
you here  
tonight  
might even be  
crowd record-setting

we oughta  
by the way  
with a lot of people  
lot of people  
ask

who the Boy  
who the Boy Scouts  
who the President  
who the Trump  
who the Cent  
or Zero

to the  
word-cesspool?

\*Boy Scouts



## **Teasing Pricks**

Teasels tease the foreground, yet ravenous for water you'd think they would be down below with roots in the blue sea on a clear November day. But there's the icy cold, then the salt – and a partiality for the treat of insects makes them land-bound carnivores. So what are they good for, apart from invading the USA where walls are still not built? The seeds feed birds in the winter, and for years the prickly pods were used to raise nap on wool – a cultivated comb to clean and align, not shape a hairstyle in the weave of a golden throw. This year too many pricks have been thrust forwards, their sharp barbs poisonous and self-serving rather than giving. There's no joshing with such mad dipsacus, snaring as they do all for themselves and nothing for us.

## **Fire and Fury**

*Fire* and  
*fury* echo  
the past

dark words  
of the  
dark past,

words of fire  
and words  
of fury

dark as  
the dark past  
where words

worked their  
anguish  
after the

knowing of  
their meaning  
of darkness.

Fight fire  
with fire  
he thinks,

fury with  
words as if  
they matter

before  
or after the  
darkness

When words  
matter, he  
must think

better, better  
than dark  
thoughts,

or others  
must speak  
and think

for him.  
Words have  
meaning

and saying  
them can be  
dark,

but not as  
dark as what  
meaning brings.

## **Koi**

*Throw any  
and everything*

*at it, the voice  
in his head*

says something  
like this – but it

is more the  
instinct of a

jerk by some  
dumb animal,

not fish who  
do consider and

learn [even the  
bony-eared

assfish knows  
this is wrong]

and a gunman  
in Texas has

perhaps done  
what he has

done on impulse –

no *koi*

love and  
affection

in his knowing —  
just a carping

on about hatred  
to overfeed

it all in a  
scattered falling.

## **American People**

American people  
your very special meaning

is very special  
very magnificent

celebrated very much  
in my celebration

my very special  
glorious destiny

of historic movement  
to very much

and we are very grateful  
to be this much

this reaped future  
very much for me

for you  
redistributed to me

to all Americans  
who defend our own

who get the wealth  
very much

who protect our borders

our very much

our new decree of very much  
in an oath of special meaning

from this day forward  
our beautiful rewards for

very special American people  
in this landscape of gain

## **genius**

genius juggling sentences  
but don't

finish...  
the mind tends to...

T.V. star, that's  
Top and Very

sometimes VERY  
and his thoughts

his speech  
a disorganization of

flames marrying  
anxiety/disorder

he seems to have more  
and snaps up

disarray and disarray  
for why we exist

this would qualify as  
no smart

and very stable no smart  
like

no smart



actually quantum no smart

genius also  
loses things easily

cat  
ter

ing  
like really

like sentences  
that don't fit in

with, like, being  
VERY smart

## **The Popular Vote**

The popular vote got  
it's peacekeeping

armada mandate,  
an anti-war message

with missiles –  
a real morality tale

of various products.  
The popular vote got

its racially diverse crew  
of Vulcans, Miss

Universe, citizens from  
several non-Muslim

planets, and a casino species.  
The popular vote got

its learning about cleavage  
and multiple side ventures:

apprentice authoritarianism,  
eliminating the aliens,

agenda reflective  
beauty pageants.

The popular vote got

its violent inauguration

depicted in the  
renovating of racism.

With cut rates for riches,  
the popular vote got

its wagon train  
and a travel ban;

earned the marketability  
of golf technology.

The popular vote got  
its network of fame and

the real estate ideal, a  
fleet of stars hosting

TV allegories of  
what might develop.

## Star Trump

Donald is in  
the chair,

in the Captain's  
seat, making it so

by his pants  
in his pants,

he is panting,  
'This is very much

the way to go  
so make it so.'

He chants and  
he fills his pants,

'I know words,  
I know the best words,

to *boldly* go  
so make it so.'

Donald is in  
his hair like

a tribble.  
'It is not fair',

he pants,

‘To make this

compare.’

Donald dribbles

‘Something bad  
is happening

in this space.

Space is a shithole.’

Donald grabs

for an idea,

a tremendous idea  
for winning space,

‘There are certain things  
men must do

to remain men.’

Donald grabs at

his pants

her pants.

Donald is in

the chair,

in the Captain’s

seat, making it so.

## **Mr Fiction**

Mr Fiction  
is speaking

*There is a  
wolf at the door*

he claims  
growling

*It is making  
fake news*

gnawing at that door  
we know

making a crack  
we hope

*It's in his  
imagination*

he imagines  
he defends

his mental  
imagination

Mr Fiction  
is speaking

**connect shun**

don't adjoin me

no soupçon of infecting

affection

no brush of a feather's dust

if it is the diffidence

of a possible lie

if it is the difference

of uncertainty  
of unknowing  
of unusualness

then a touch to test

is good enough

there can't be ill

or illness

in trying

but don't try to connect

with a single plume

of your real

fake news

## **The 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment Meets Trump's 25 Favourite Words**

whenever the President  
is an amazing moron

there is a huge tremendous  
terrific politically correct law

to place a pro tempore  
in place, to replace the

dangerous bad lightweight  
and stupid weak loser and

thereupon Representatives  
have their written declaration

to nominate the Vice  
President of classy control

if they declare no inability exists  
or in the case of inability exists

both Houses of Congress  
shall immediately assume

the removal is the beautiful  
removal to decide the issue



## **Good Guy**

Very Presidential, isn't it?  
very Presidential  
turning those suckers off fast,

helmets and black masks,  
you know, the bad elite:

turning those suckers off.

I got very presidential.  
I live in an apartment.  
Presidential, isn't it?  
White House too,  
white supremacist  
elite house and  
very good.

I was a good student,  
better schools than they did,  
really great,  
better future,  
big big apartment.

An honest guy.

Wound inflicted bad guy I am  
not.

Guy I am  
a great  
guy

I am.

I was good,  
please, please,  
but believe,

Fox treated me in a bigger, more beautiful show  
as a good guy,

believe me.  
Honest show.

I must sentence here and there  
I was a good guy  
and I was a better student.

Don't put on me saying  
history and our heritage  
is also KKK and  
neo-Nazi,

just I was a good guy  
turning those bad suckers off.

## **Umbrellas**

### **1. A Really Very Good Super Perfect Umbrella**

Super perfect size  
for two people

or POTUS  
measuring a generous

many wonderful inches  
very very good ones

and ergonomic  
so real science.

Super strong pole  
~ twitter twitter ~

uncomfortable to hold?  
No, ergonomically no,

and rubberised bulk  
[that's not so funny,

bad bad personal joke].  
The best size

for covering the  
perfect covering.

Super perfect covering  
people fully from rain

and slip and slide; also  
that part on the side.

## **2. How to Use an Umbrella, Donald**

### **Canopy**

This is the dome that protects the dome, Donald. Taupe fabric, it is good with the real and the fake, which some call a toupee. Symmetry, Donald. 300 Denier polyester fabric: this a manmade product too, like that which keeps the golden waves in situ. These are not, by the way, gentlemen's umbrellas. These are big fuckers, for big fuckers.

### **Frame**

We could talk about parasol frames, Donald, but that would be opening up the metaphor too far. Some people can only embrace the figurative in small snippets. Like rain. China manufactures many frames – just think about that, Donald. Search for nickel, brass, fibreglass or tempered spring steel. Russia is an important source of nickel – you may have good contacts there. If we had a nickel for every lie told...

### **Rivets**

*Nickel plated steel miniature micro mushroom head umbrella rivets* – did you notice the tautology in that description, Donald? Whatever. You will have noticed the potential to strike a deal on ordering. The rivet, by the way, is used where the ribs connect and bend, like breathing and life and holding all that is precious

together. If you discard an umbrella at the top of a flight of stairs, it will hold with good rivets. We are only as strong as what we hold on to together, Donald.

## **Shaft**

Imagine the fun satirists could have with this word: as a verb – that is an action word, Donald. You will have had plenty of experience, they will joke acerbically, and there will be dirty, filthy, barbaric allusions and innuendos. People can be so mean sometimes. Some people all of the time. It is the nature of shafting. A good umbrella can drape and conceal much of the shaft, but it is always there.

## **Stick: Solid, Fit-up, Tube**

The *Solid* is usually made of wood [beware the innuendo-mongers again, Donald] and this is traditional and can be elegant and may contribute to climate change so there are some competing realities in there for you to consider. The *Fit-up* makes one think of subterfuge and obfuscation and investigation and stitch-up, but this is just a two-part wooden stick and so do not let the wordsmiths twist things with their deep and seductive language – even if honest. They are poets, and when they open like an umbrella, so much about truth can be unleashed and protected by its honesty. The *Tube* is made of steel. Rust belt steel? It is easy to paint an illusion of purpose.

## **Dermophis Donaldtrumpi**

A worm amphibian crawling across the earth, as limbless as denial. Those asking which is the head and which is the ass are given lessons in tautology. Its caecilian rhythm is the sleep of permanent darkness where movement is blind like ignorance. Subterranean, its blues have become ours by an osmosis of global cause and effect. Imagine his tweet trying to spell it correctly. There are those who know they should not care but still debate which would take the longest: explaining alliteration or the allusion. There is charming and grunting and fiddling and then there is leave where he lies.

## **Space Force**

In the history of our call  
to deter and defeat,

the next battlefield  
where America is ours

is space,  
the final frontier.

This close proximity nation  
is the United States of

our Administration:  
Space Force,

a vision into reality.  
The time has come

to manoeuvre  
on-orbit activities

for the next great chapter:  
Space Force,

a new generation of threat  
from the brave and best,

a new armed forces of  
satellites to boldly go.