

Stereotypes

Stereotypes are very important
It's nice to be able to so thoroughly
understand someone so easily
It's nice to feel so superior
Next time you meet a stereotype talk to it
They might need your help
Or....You might need theirs
A stereotype is a challenge
They're so smug
-- And you'd like to be
but you know better
Well, how do you know
That there are no islands of solid security
Protruding upwards
Through this world of fluid confusion
Does the fact that you may still be adrift
In a relativistic sea
Dictate that there can be no
Underlying absolutes
Such logic would be stupid - absolutely
I'll be your stereotype
Come crash your best wave against me
Shake me from my false security
That I may join you
In your endless drifting search
Or discover
Why I am so secure
And be welcomed home
At last
Is there a line that must be crossed
To go from a mother Teresa
To an Adolph Hitler?
You'll never know
Until you've challenged
The right stereotype