

Statement on pronouns

Now, *you* and *me* and *he* and *she* and *they*

Are pronouns defining *Humanity*,

But they're not--really not--definitive:

For how we lean determines how we live.

Note that *he* is within *she* or that *she*

Includes *he*: fluid is identity;

Male is partly *female*, because *female*

Carries *male*. To wit, Gender's not a jail.

So, to be transgender is to be free

To be one's entire personality,

A chosen body, unfrozen from *Fear*,

Liberated from *Custom*, free to dare,

To wear what fits, not what suits restrictions,

And to be facts, not plausible fictions.

Transgender's transgressive because it frees

Masculine and *feminine*, as *they* please.

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