

## THE BARDIC ART

The bardic art they say  
Is subtle, and profound.  
It consists in rhyming nonsense  
With twisted bits of sound.

It draws allusions vague  
And words that are quite rare,  
And then, looks down its nose  
If you simply couldn't care.

Some kingly poets hold  
"Simple rhymes for simple minds"  
And produce a pattern  
That most tortuously winds.

But I maintain the view  
Quite heretical to these  
That a verse's strength and power  
Should be understood with ease.

So I generate a web  
Of illusion seeming fair  
To hold the mind and soul  
In the meshes of its snare.

And when the rhythm matches  
The beating of your heart  
Then you'll sit and breathless say  
"Now that's the Bardic Art!"

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