Stoic Sediment

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The quintessential American man

Is a *rightful king* who rules *his land*

If everything is not, he can pretend it’s ok

Life’s a good time, don’t get in the way

The American woman is not so ideal for the American man

While he attempts to prove himself, proudly, coldly

She doesn’t understand, does *ANYTHING* she can

To take him from the luxuries of his *deserved wealth*

It’s all he can do to deny it

How else can a man get peace and quiet?

Keep her naked, in the dark, to eternally shiver

Don’t want to be no ‘Indian giver’

The wife is the corpse in the frozen river

The big catch dragged from the river shore

What is denied both one and the other

Unashamedly given to the masculine law

There is only a place on this stage for a threatened lady

Hush, hush and hide her in hair, make-up and triviality

Dress up death, act out the show, and pay the fee

Keep going, all is fine, there is justice here, you’ll see

# About the author

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