

Situation Not Normal, All Trumped Up (SNNATU)

A Limerick Sampler

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It all began in May with a few limericks about Mike Pence, who has seemed at times on the verge of replacing Trump. By August 7, the collection of poems exceeded 80, and comprised many subjects, including my suffering heart. Below is a selection: the limericks most focused on Trump. To read the whole collection to date, see Pence, The Limericks; or the two Montaigbakhtinian posts: [The Limericks, Part II \(Injustice, Trump, Illness, Poetry\)](#) and [Part I](#) (Pence, Trump, Mueller, Capitalism). Note that in these posts many of the limericks comes with additional information from various media.

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For appearances, ads, conversation—

The sad game has a name—dissimulation.

Should I too honest be,

What will people think of me?

To be Trumped is the fate of the nation.

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Russians, we know, tried to swing the election

And met many Trump allies with little discretion.

About all we *don't* know—

The specific quid pro quo

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And the limits to Ryan's corruption.

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From their pool across their lawn the humans dripping pawed,

A grill cover from a woodchuck to violently withdraw.

He knew little of cooking, even less of crime,

But the cover's burnished red was pleasing to his eye,

And like Donald Trump he thought—strong teeth are nine-tenths of the law.

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Pence prayed to the gods of Mueller:

“Please find a way to make me the ruler.

To Russians and abortion

I prefer discrimination and donations

And guns in the laps of preschoolers.”

N.B.: The name being pronounced « muller », perhaps Pence really wished to be made duller?

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Gaia she whispered to me,

“I can take a few more degrees,

If this puts under water

All these human monsters

Who care less for their children than me.”

*News: **Trump withdraws US government from Paris climate agreement***

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He's "a good guy," Trump said of his Flynn,

A liar and traitor—a good partner in sin.

He's "a good guy," Mr. Comey replied,

Understanding too well—they three were combined.

In dreams another "good" holds goodness within.

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In *Macbeth* a strong man is by his own crimes laid low.

He too frightened and too vulnerable, his kingdom overthrown.

Some say that so the Donald can only watch TV

And put on weight and tweet away, a specter of a he.

A warning to all graspers deceitful? Would that this were so!

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A child from whom nourishing love is withheld

May to rougher relations find himself compelled—

Inveighing, gainsaying, affraying, foul playing,

A heart-warming friction thereby surveying.

Yet the first pain, and the emptiness, will not be expelled.

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The house is commodious

"Mr. President" melodious

Should the Pences move early

Many Trumps will be surly
And Russians no longer sui generous

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If a system can elect a President incompetent and unstable,
Is the system for electronic times no longer suitable?
Or are we again learning—flaws fundamental—
Celebrated rights and checks less legal than financial,
With our public resources ever enriching the venal
And public-trust-worthy chiefs and lawgivers more rare than exceptional?

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By aggressors ruthless, results unexpected
The lives of many countries have been deflected
From Russia we've been sent a feckless leader
As Germans once east sent comrade Vladímir
Extraordinary actions—sequelae long regretted?

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What matters is loyalty, not talent, we know,
And Trump the limits poignantly shows.
Of children and employees
It's loyalty, loyalty,
Until under the next bus they're thrown.

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The twenty-fifth amendment states

The impeachment need hardly wait

Just a vote of the cabinet

Saying Trump's too out of it

And the House Mr. Pence levitates

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If you of covfefe a limerick can't make,

Your limericking license must be a fake.

This special code word,

More sad than absurd,

Means "shut the fuck up for God's sake!"

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Obstruction of justice—impeachable offense

Very good for the friends of one Mr. Pence

Comey and Congress willing

The Oval Office they'll be filling

Donald littering the forests of Smolensk