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**Twisted Romance**

Love takes a turn when

Two spiral hams

Having intercourse

Interlock their Butts

Two tangled Slinkys

Spent

After

Tumbling

Down

The stairs

A wild writhing ride

Unseemly situation

Crazy misbegotten corkscrews

Love contortion

At its finest

Just the thought of it

Makes you laugh

At Sunday dinner

As you divvy up your plate

Offspring delicious

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### His Father's Son

On mailing a Christmas package,  
the label is delayed printing  
"It is good enough", I say.  
You say: "Enough of this...good enough shit!  
What is good enough..good enough?!!  
It is not good enough...You even  
blame your computer! Christ!..  
You are something else!"  
This is a direct quote  
of endearment to me..really.  
If I say anything, a fight will  
occur. I will be accused of being  
oversensitive..Oversensitive?!  
Bullshit!!....This is abusive...  
there is no doubt in my mind.  
That is not even adding the  
derogatory inflections  
in your voice. Oversensitive,  
I think not!.....  
Any fool listening would know  
that I am a piece of shit  
in your eyes at this moment....  
Sound just like your father  
to your mother...how did  
she take it so long?  
"You are so stupid, just like  
a woman with a paper ass!"  
What the heck does that mean?  
How often did he say that.?!!  
Everyone laughed, but it was so mean.  
No matter, the same feeling is there..now.  
It is what you learned at home  
from your father.

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So once again, I take it.

I take it.

I take it.

And always I am to blame.

This is the norm.

How sad.

So I swim away

Swim and swim and swim

To the Sea of Tranquility

Where words are kind

Prince Charming reigns

Slaying dragons just for me

To live the pampered poodle life

Petted and adored

I look at you, you look at me

And there is nothing more