## Assemble My Words- 1996

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I gather my words carefully Sometimes it takes too long By the time they reach fruition To speak them sounds so wrong

They've tumbled dry for hours now They're neat and clean and pressed And if by chance I wear them out My friends are not impressed

They see only the frilly lace And not the complex weave Complexity so astounding Their minds cannot perceive

Some disassembly required
My metaphors too much
I'm left behind to fend alone
I've stumbled o'er much crutch

"Speak plain my friend" they say to me "Your jabber drives us nuts" "You go too deep in complex thought" "Speak plain you stupid yutz."

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