

there must not be a devil

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or if there is a devil

he must not be as smart as i thought

or else he's too busy for me

but there must not be a devil

because if there were a devil

he could do me some awful damage

with a woman like that

there must not be a hell to send me to...

because she's beautiful as an angel

and smart as hell/sharp

as the sting of my curiosity/friendly

as only a demon can be

so shamelessly

but there can't be a hell, or i'd have slipped

down the chute into the clarity

of despair

i'd bite my forkéd tongue

i'd be burning from fever

and begging for charity

because i'd be sinning twenty times

and more

if she'd only come

and whisper in my ear

i'd be sweating with carnal lust

at the touch of a fingertip

i'd twist & squirm, i'd lie to myself

and swear to the stars

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