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**Swagger**

Smirk and laughter—  
Cruelty's the point right?  
It's pleasure right?  
Big banks right? Say necessity  
say collateral-too-damn-bad  
Take your stockpiled venom  
take the email from death  
It's about *Democracy* right? Self-  
determination and *Jesus*—  
it's about *Jesus* right?  
How he said do unto others  
worse than was done to me  
said throw the first stone  
and the last It's the way  
the hero leaves the saloon  
in the old western  
his holster slanted across his hip  
hand hovering over his gun  
I mean *sexy* right?