

20th CENTURY MAN

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A layer of polish
Failed to abolish
The guilt, off his amoured plate.
Though righteousness flitter
It is but a glitter
Of rue 'pon a tarnished slate.

Man struggles to force
A civilized course
But lacking the courage and will
He finds it's too late
To soothe, or sate
His inbred desire to kill.

Men succumb to fears
Out of stone-age years
A caveman, devouring a beast
A victim of prey
To win, he must slay
Then only, make merry feast.

With self-centered greed
Man nurtures the need
His ancestral teachings expound
How inanely trapped!
In prejudice wrapped
His bigotry kept, safe and sound!

Man carelessly sneers
As the thin veneers,
Which sparkle the moral to glare!
His greatest sin
Is deep within,
His very self- to bear!