

## The Bedlam Of The Bedlam

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A young man astride a rocking horse. His petticoats bristling.  
His eyes closed with pleasure enjoying the euphony of his fork  
scraping his plate.

Facing him sits a filthy oldie shaking his dentures like castan  
ets. Whistling through his nostrils, giggling with tears in his  
eyes.

The clattering of my teeth. Sometimes a coff, sometimes an acho  
o.

Heard a cry for help, but didn't pay attention. Thought it was  
only myself as usual - the beldam of the bedlam.

A toothless hag moving eyeball-beads in an abacus. They stare s  
o, they stare so on her rope of pearls: A row of Lilliputian sk  
ulls on a string.

The oldie chants the alphabet in an order he has fixed himself.

Once he strode down the aisle with a wedding gown on an arm's  
length.

His bride-not-to-be (anymore) in the soil right outside.

The youngster tells about how he once lay in a bathtub barely c  
onscious in rusty-bloody-red water.

The bathtub tiptoed on lionpaws to the landing, tipped over and  
flung him down the stairs on a rusty-bloody-red runner.

I'd like to tell them about a dragon with hiccups. Hiccuping fi  
re in headwind, burning itself. But I'd better not...