

Touch Of Trash

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The perfect shade of lipstick
Of red pepper lies
Assertions carefully weaved into her style
Eyeliner drawn with another sinner's hand
Replication makes perfection;

She's just a button short of trash.

Matching toes and fingers
The peek-a-boo shoe
Manipulation
As subtle as the perfume

A South Beach tan
With sun-streaked dew
Orchestration and precision;

The girl works harder than you.

Primitive inspiration
Packaged in modern disguise
Disposition
Permitting a glimpse of the thigh;

Masculine resolve
With a feminine plan:

Domination and submission.

She smells the gas - then lights the match.

Stylish deliberation
The chattel of Calvin Klein
Obsession,
Calculation of color and design.

Glamour defined by supply and demand
Education and graduation;

She's just a culture short of class.

Moment of indecision
Cool wind from the edge of the cliff
Intoxication
Feels like love when it looks like this.

If truth is the price for a superficial charm
Night is laughing
Watching us do absolutely nothing:
Image and form