

## 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