

## I Tried So Hard To Be Good

The pAper chAse

I tried so hard to be good.  
I really did;  
To keep my comments inaudible,  
To smooth the curl of distain  
From my lips and nostrils.  
I can't really help myself,  
Despite the kind of intentions  
That de-motivate me  
To give myself away  
In small, bloody strips  
To anyone who asks,  
And some who don't.  
(nothing helps)  
I've tried to put everything  
In the right place,  
To find order, accomplishment,  
Accommodate.  
Never to upset  
The carefully orchestrated atmosphere  
Of those I attend to,  
But could not help.  
(this is an ugly thing)  
Happiness could be yours,  
Absently.