## Squeeze, Labelled With Love

She unscrews the top of her new whisky bottle And shuffles around in her candle-lit hovel Like some kind of witch with blue fingers in mittens She smells like the cat and the neighbours she sickens The black and white T.V. has long seen a picture The cross on the wall is a permanent fixture The postman delivers the final reminders She sells of the silver and poodles in china

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During the wartime an American pilot Made every air-raid a time of excitement She moved to his prairie and married the Texan She learnt from a distance how love was a lesson He became drinker and she became mother She knew that one day she'd be one or the other He ate himself older and drank himself dizzy Proud of her features she kept herself pretty

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He like a cowboy died drunk in a slumber Out on the porch in the middle of summer She crossed the ocean back home to her family But they had retired to roads that were sandy She moved home alone without friends or relations Lived in a world full of age reservations On moth-eaten armchairs, she'd say that she'd sod-all The friends who had left her to drink from the bottle

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