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1.

Don't let my sentiments fool you. I have the heart of a poet, but also the sharp tongue,

and the poet's sharp eye, too. The tongue follows the eye and tells what it sees, sharply.

2.

Don't let my sentiments fool you. I am a realist with the problem of a madman: I see

reality too clearly. I yearn for comfortable illusions to live by, but see more than

I want to and tell more than I should.

3.

Don't let my sentiments fool you. I have the cool, hard eye of a poet, and sometimes the

savage tongue that chooses words as a warrior chooses weapons, and tells what it

sees. And the *unseen*? I try to tell that, too, inventing strange, new tongues for singing.