

POEM OF THE WEEK

PLAYING POWER GAMES WITH PUTIN

Vladimir Vladimirovich is an intense dude
Might not often have time for games
An extremely focused, do not intrude
Attitude, you can see it in his gaze

I ponder about comrade Putin
I wonder, are we going to have a war
Newsbreak! We have one already, no disputin'
The question is, will nukes be longer in store

Vladimir Vladimirovich is a crazy dude
He's keeping the world in suspense
Someone should be telling him, to allude
To the growing probability of horrific expense

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The question is there anyone capable to implore

Vladimir Vladimirovich is fearful and frightened
His own population is in revolt; he played the odds
Took a chance. 21st-century realpolitik is enlightened
The stakes are too high for a fool to play "GOD"

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Newsbreak! We have one already, he's losin'
The question is, how far is he willing to explore?

Comrade Putin, Vladimir Vladimirovich
Speak to us, please do. People are forming opinions
Regarding your state of mind; your military's being found
Lacking; we don't want or seek a 1938-styled Munich agreement

"Peace in our time", Mr Chamberlain said,
waving a piece of paper in the air
Was he conned,
or negotiating more time
- to re-arm?

While Germany and Russia
signed a secret agreement
The prize? The division of Poland
Was Russia in another war?

When will they ever learn?
What's the value of a human life?
Is one, ten, a hundred or millions
The cost of strife

Leaving mothers mourning and
Fatherless children and desolate wives?

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