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Apology to MW #151 (For July 10, 1997)

I can change to near anything its innocent equivalent.
 And do it assisted with only a *one*.
 Multiplying=92s easy when one is the factor.
 And your mile is required in meters for fun.

Miles to centimeters, from a gallon to a liter,
 And teaspoons are transformed to metric tons.
 You wade and sift the ocean of all accepted notion,
 And always are you running, as you=92re under their big gun.

Even labels transform neatly when they=92re placed not so discreetly
 Opposing their companions in the fractions other part.
 The reduction is sublime; they meet and mix, combine in time.
 Resulting in a marriage of the mind, and hands, and heart.

Liters per parsec become teaspoons per inch
 And a thorny proportion problem goes away.
 The math is just too simple for where you put your feet
 And ease of operation can complete, and save the day.

Apples et per mile have a gentle easy style.
 And peaches halved for fathoms are endearing.
 But you know what can=92t be beat (be it Willie=92s winsome meat)
 That your measure is toot sweet, and so alluring.=20

I mean, who gives a damn they fear, though they profit right from here,
 That the richest are the richer for your suffering.
 And you have to take some pause, when they structure all their laws. . .
 . . .Those with billions lose a million, and start blubbering?

The strange lights in the sky are too patient . . . at their station!
 They are showing a restraint we=92ve _never_ known!
 From the start of our colonialism, we=92ve steered for hard baronialism;
 We are tortured by our devils as we squirm on unjust thrones!

If they were us they=92d be more callous, they=92d use a rapists phallus!
 They would hardly spare our living, much less feelings.
 They would take us for their prey, as they bowed their head to pray=20

They would rape us nice and pretty, and they=92d never call it stealing!

The watchword is PROVENANCE, it softens your countenance.
Where do things come from, and why are they here?
What is the history of all of your misery?
Why shed your tears on the point of a spear?

Show me the beginnings, and I=92ll show we have more innings.
Ms. Fat ain=92t sung her last, and Elvis=92s IN the building!
The beginnings are in Provenance, and _proof_ for all their genesis,
Though some insist on toiling busily=96 inflicting, branding, gelding.

And the parsecs become light years, then the light year red shifts --
here.
At sublight speeds we coast to rest, next to Earth we orbit round.
Like a raft upon vast waters, she is the only thing that matters!
Yet we beat her like a hapless spouse, though she=92s yet to make a sound.

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If you don=92t count AIDS, Ebola, Ozone holes, and a plethora of
frightening environmental ailments. I think she=92s screaming like someone
truly wronged.=20

--=20
"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from
afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the
fundamentalist's stake for not being an arrogant insufferable knob.

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