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Apology to MW #146 (For June 11, 1997)

I played Columbus when I was a kid.
The third grade -- the school play.
I strode ashore to claim America!
I was a *hero*. I began our day.

And all the kids were in their costumes.
And brownies flashed to save the moment.
Oooo=92s and aaaaah=92s just filled the air.
Smiles ruled in mad atonement.

And so began the myth I=92d hear
Repeated to this time.
Classrooms still attempt to teach
This charming, hateful lie.

"Well, you gotta teach =91em something."
And with this I must agree.
"And we have to keep it positive."
And there I point at your disease.

Anything that=92s covered up=20
Is an unclean wound that festers.
From UFO=92s, and JFK
To Governmental jesters.

Lie to kids, and make =91em hate you!
Lie to kids, and treat them soft!
Lie to kids, and they=92ll desert you,
Shine you on, and jerk you off!

The alien view sees Columbus more clearly.
It is unencumbered by party line.
Columbus knew that the world was round
And most folks thought so at the time!

Riches and Power were the drivers!
Christ was the fire of excuse!
There was no near mutiny enroute
And it began *an horrific abuse*!=20
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The watchers from space saw the terror
In a nose lopped clean from the face
Of a child morally superior
To its conquering barbarian race.

Slavery, and torture, and genocide!
Raping, and pillage, and plunder!

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