

# **CENSORED:**

Some thoughts about literary censorship

I wanted to gently stroke my love's **CENSORED**  
& write poems about his beautiful **CENSORED**

But the clergy couldn't permit this to be  
& many literary critics agreed  
So my writing was **CENSORED**

What is the sense in being incensed  
About a small stretch  
Of simple flesh?

Though some prefer whitewashing  
what doesn't fit neatly  
into their schemes  
others know such things speak  
vividly & that sensuality should  
not be marginalized, snuffed  
out, err labeled X-rated  
kuz it'za whole weigh ta embrace  
the world & breathe . . .

**Cantara:** In many parts of the world, people still do not have the freedom to express their own viewpoints.

**Miok:** Yeah. Lots of writers are being marginalized and censored.

**Chris:** . . . at one time I believed that cyberspace offered a promise of freedom, but now I'm less sure.

**Tim:** What little I know of history suggests that this issue has been going on for thousands of years. Is it not a perennial conflict?

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