

MY DARLING VAMPIRE: *Ode to a Termagant Ogre*

**Of all of the vampires I have known,
Vanessa was by far the most alluring.**

**She bit into matters softly, with utmost discretion –
yet when initiative was called for,
she moved faster than an eye blink.**

**Vanessa had a capacity to see through everything,
getting down to each issue
decisively, yet delicately.**

**She knew precisely what people desired
& could fulfill their dreams –
if they paid the price.**

**She easily fanned the flames of passion
in mere mortals, looking at them with a curious mixture
of compassion and scorn.**

**"Poor humans!" she used to say,
"They can never quite control themselves –
or recognize what is controlling them."**

**Too bad this fine being came to an early demise
at the hands of a necromancer:
a zealot with a flare of showmanship
whose love of profit was surpassed only by his lust.**

**Alas, the graveyards shall see her exquisite form
no more
and the libraries of Transylvania
will seem a bit more vacant.**

**However, each time I touch my neck
or feel a curious thirst for immortality
I shall remember her fangs.**



Chris : So is it fair to compare humans to vampires?

Cantara : I do not know whether it is fair or not, but in some ways it seems like a valid metaphor.

Tim : (matter-of-factly) Donald Trump was a psychic vampire, and he was seldom fair.

Miok : (sniffing) Indeed the world is filled with "psychic vampires" who crave for attention and find no peace.

Tim: (raising an eyebrow) Well, it takes more than a silver bullet for most people to find lasting serenity.

- **T Newfields**

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