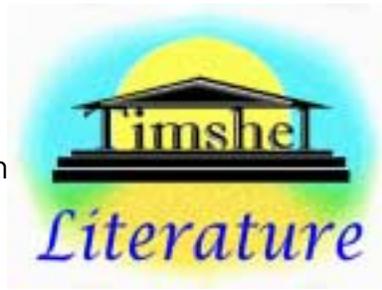


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**I know how to play the game**

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I know how to play the game  
I've played it (lost)  
Resolved to never yield in shame  
But I know how to play the game  
And watch the eyes float by enflamed  
Blind yet with frost  
Of inebriat hopes I've not heard named  
Innuendoes froze'n so enflamed  
And I have learned to entertain  
Clichés embossed  
Took well to heart yet ill pertain  
Now I choose not to entertain  
I know how to play the game  
Though still — I often question when trades are made and offers said — at what cost?  
Are prophets left mute and horses lame  
Oh, I know how to play the game