**Contradiction**

the astute reader will have noticed by now

certain themes and constants

points I belabour, often with

contradictory results

I can handle contradiction

it doesn’t bother me to believe

one thing before breakfast

and another after supper

sometimes I’m the red queen

sometimes the white.

at least I’m always a queen

some would call this irony

Bob, for instance, calls everything irony

so if you’re getting all Star Trek on me

don’t you think it might be your fault?