

Swallowing (by Francis Clark-Lowes)

There was an old lady who swallowed some oil.
As we predicted
She's now addicted.
Perhaps she'll boil.

There was an old lady who swallowed a regime.
One day in a daydream
She swallowed a regime.
She swallowed the regime to catch the oil.
As we predicted,
She's now addicted.
Perhaps she'll boil.

There was an old lady who swallowed a state.
Said it was fate
Made her swallow a state.
She swallowed the state to catch the regime,
One day in a daydream
She swallowed a regime.
She swallowed the regime to catch the oil.
As we predicted,
She's now addicted.
Perhaps she'll boil.

There was an old lady who swallowed a continent.
Oh, how impertinent
To swallow a continent!
She swallowed the continent to catch the state,
Said it was fate
Made her swallow a state.
She swallowed the state to catch the regime,
One day in a daydream
She swallowed a regime.
She swallowed the regime to catch the oil.
As we predicted,
She's now addicted.
Perhaps she'll boil.

There was an old lady who swallowed the world.
With avarice she hurled
Herself on the world.
She swallowed the world to catch the continent,
Oh, how impertinent
To swallow a continent!
She swallowed the continent to catch the state,
Said it was fate
Made her swallow a state.
She swallowed the state to catch the regime,
One day in a daydream

She swallowed a regime.
She swallowed the regime to catch the oil.
As we predicted,
She's now addicted.
Perhaps she'll boil.

There was an old lady who found she was hated.
That she was hated
She found unrelated
To her swallowing the world
(With avarice she'd hurled
Herself on the world),
Swallowing the world to catch the continent
(Oh, how impertinent
To swallow a continent),
Swallowing the continent to catch the state
(Said it was fate
Made her swallow a state),
Swallowing the state to catch the regime
(One day in a daydream
She'd swallowed a regime),
Swallowing the regime to catch the oil
(As we predicted,
She's now addicted;
Perhaps she'll boil.)

This addicted old lady now grasped an idea
In terrible fear
She grasped an idea.
She grasped the idea to *keep* the world
(With avarice she'd hurled
Herself on the world),
She'd swallowed the world to catch the continent
(Oh, how impertinent
To swallow a continent),
She'd swallowed the continent to catch the state
(Said it was fate
Made her swallow a state),
She'd swallowed the state to catch the regime
(One day in a daydream
She swallowed a regime),
She'd swallowed the regime to catch the oil
(As we'd predicted,
She'd become addicted;
Perhaps she'll boil.)

The thought she pronounced needed no mental toil:
It said: I'm God's gift;
And you've gotta shift
Now she, and the world, *are* a-boil.