

# Texas Spleen

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## **Human Males Will Kill Us All**

Can we survive our Y chromosome?

I think not. From the Sumerians onward,  
the Y leads us to conflagrations brutal  
and useless. Leads us to a predation,  
social and economic, that puts the world  
of mammals at climatological risk.  
The plants and bugs and microbes

will adapt as the lions and tigers  
and bears (Oh my!) lie down  
in sediments of soot and plastics.  
Fuck the humans. They deserve  
extinction. It's the lions and  
tigers and bears (Oh! My...) I mourn.

## **Atlanta Was Spared by Mistake**

Sure, Sherman burned Atlanta.  
He should have salted it as well,  
as Rome did Carthage. Prevent  
the offending weed from flowering  
again. Consign the city to oblivion.

## **When to Stop Drinking**

Stop drinking when  
you can't stand up

to pour the next drink.

### **Various Titles for Trump After January 20, 2017**

Asshole in Chief  
Motherfucker in Chief  
Fuckwad in Chief,  
Shithead in Chief.  
Moron in Chief.  
Dumbfuck in Chief  
Shitbag in Chief  
Scumbag in Chief  
Cretin in Chief  
Serpent in Chief  
Idiot in Chief  
Cheeto in Chief  
Hair Piece in Chief  
Golden Shower in Chief  
Thief in Chief  
Lizard in Chief  
Brain Death in Chief  
Zombie in Chief  
Useless Piece of Shit in Chief  
Psycho in Chief  
Never my president.

### **January 20 Haiku**

How resilient are  
these crumbling United States?  
Too soon, we'll find out.

