Beautiful Bacon

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Once upon a time, white men came,
And they destroyed the world.
Now, they have come back
To fix it.

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Beautiful bacon, so red, white & rare
Beautiful bacon, so fresh & bare
Protein in flesh & flavor in fat
A love affair, yes, just like that!

A love affair of the stomach & mind
Mouth-watering & delicious, doesn't matter what kind
From the pig to the package to the pan to the plate –
Raised for one purpose, O' glorious fate

To grace the mouths of hungry desire
Cooked in a pan or slow roasted over fire
The heresy – in the size to which it doth degrade
But still – no doubt – this beauty won't fade

Heaven only, where it shall not shrink
Must wait for that day, O' on the brink
Swimming & sizzling in a sauna of grease
Calming the stomach to a deep inner peace

Clogging the bloodstreams with vehement rage
But life too short, like a book's intro page
Beautiful bacon, such a beautiful addiction
Vegetarian never, what a mental fiction!