

**State of the Union: An Anthology of the Everyman's Woe**

**A) The Prologue**

Applaud the introduction and  
    allow me to introduce you to  
        this year of madness

Two thousand six teen  
shall be host to our most  
climatic theater yet  
This electoral circus show  
works the crowd to a national frenzy  
    Jeering and Cheering  
        Ah, spectacle we all behold

So grand and grotesque  
So passionate and pitiful  
So vital and vulnerable  
So omnipresent and ominous  
So sure and shocking  
So ambitious and amoral  
    So American

A Tragic Comedy  
    Perfectly scripted  
        With no one reading their lines

Who I am  
    no playwright  
Yet for you  
    I'll transcribe this  
        this historic hysteria

we call  
    The Presidential Race

Now please  
    Consider this playbook and play along  
While the curtains draw  
    For our cast of candidates

**A1) Prologue - Addendum**

Oh don't mind

My jabs

I'm just

Shadowboxing on a soapbox

Then again,

Politics isn't for pulling punches.