## "For All the Crazy Faces"

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The life of lunacy depends upon the dance of the harlequin;

Gargoyles watch the laughing, painted face, the wild movements run like ribbon;

All the world's waiting for a wrong step, watching for a missed beat,

But the pretty fool's own garb hints at this schadenfreude philosophy's defeat:

Red check's the fire, dark check's the ashes-the light in her eyes is the life that outlasts eternity.