

Duality is a Double-Edged Sword

Duality is a double-edged sword.

With it we can create a talked-of-self

That the audience adores,

But then we must be sure to leave our unexpressed self

Somewhere on an isolated shelf. **(Braudy)**

Duality is a double-edged sword.

It makes us presentable to society,

But the penance is our peace.

Just look to the famous and see

How doubling unravels their serenity. **(Braudy)**

Duality is a double-edged sword.

It grants us each "Heaven and Hell"

As Dorian Gray would say,

But who gets to choose the winning side?

That eternal battle is left for you to decide. **(PDG)**

Duality is a double-edged sword.

It lets us forfeit our morality

Without too steep an initial cost,

But when we're pretending to be something we're not

It is sure to be an extremely tense plot. **(PDG)**

Duality is a double-edged sword.

We think it frees us from ourselves,

But from our conscience there is no real escape

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Dorian Gray would agree

Eventually duality only further traps thee. **(PDG)**

Duality is a double-edged word

It allows us to exist between two and one,

But never fully two or one.

This oscillation of identity

Could lead a person to insanity! **(YWP)**

Duality is a double-edged sword.

It lets us portray ourselves as perfect,

But then our imperfections must remain hidden from view,

Lest we reveal to our captors the wallpaper cages

Where others, too, have been hiding out for ages. **(YWP)**

Duality is a double-edged sword.

We may use it to fool those around us

But for us there will be no escape.

For when we are only passing,

We must constantly be masking. **(Passing)**

Duality is a double-edged sword

With it we can explore the world,

But only in a disguise.

Look to Jack and see

That duality grants freedom only conditionally. **(Passing)**

Duality is a double-edged sword.

It lets us pretend we're made of gold,

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But really, we're just plastic
Cheap, unoriginal, malleable
Never allowed to be fallible (**Mannequins**)

Duality is a double-edged sword.
It lets us present our body as fine
Even when death is what we feel on the inside
But when duality is used in this way
It keeps all true human connection at bay. (**Standing Female Nude**)

Duality is a double-edged sword
And the warrior is in the mirror
It's a self versus self conflict
Where the winner is you, and the loser is too
But then again, what other option did society provide you?