

## Re: In the light of a recent post this seems appropriate

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he got confused between

\$ type/tail

and

\$ type tale

:~)

Thanks anyway, and to you too a Merry Christmas.

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Adrian Birkett wrote:

- > *I am the very model of a Newsgroup Personality*
- > *I intersperse obscenity with tedious banality.*
- > *Addresses I have plenty of, both genuine and ghosted to,*
- > *On all the countless newsgroups that my drivel is cross-posted to.*
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- > *Your bandwidth I will fritter with my whining and my snivelling,*
- > *And you're the one who pays the bill downloading all my drivelling.*
- > *My enemies are numerous, and no one would be blaming you*
- > *For thinking me a dickhead after I've been rudely flaming you.*
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- > *I hate to lose an argument (by now I should be used to it).*
- > *I wouldn't know a valid point if I was introduced to it.*
- > *My learning is extensive but consists of mindless trivia,*
- > *Designed to fan my ego, which is larger than Bolivia.*
- >
- > *The comments that I vomit forth, disguised as jest and drollery,*
- > *Are really just an exercise in unremitting trollogy.*
- > *I say I'm frank and forthright, but that's merely lies and vanity,*
- > *The gibberings of one who's at the limit of his sanity.*
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- > *If only I could get a life, as many people tell me to;*

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- > *If only mum could find a circus freak—show she could sell me to;*
- > *If I go off to Zanzibar to paint the local scenery;*
- > *If I lose all my fingers in a mishap with machinery;*
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- > *If I survive to forty, which is somewhat problematical;*
- > *If what I post was more mature, or slightly more grammatical;*
- > *If I could learn to spell a bit, and maybe even punctuate;*
- > *Would I still be the loathsome and objectionable prat you hate?*
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- > *But while I have this tiresome urge to prance around and show my face,*
- > *It's simply isn't safe for normal people here in cyberspace.*
- > *To stick me in Old Sparky and turn on the electricity*
- > *Would be a fitting punishment for my egocentricity.*
- >
- > *I always have the last word; so, with utmost finality,*
- > *That's all from me, the model of a Newsgroup Personality.*
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