

## Snake skin

for Robynn from Charlie

Having four limbs makes us so proud  
That we scorn snakes as primitively endowed  
Instead of bipedal getting-around  
Serpents enjoy sinuously slithering on ground  
Riding on soil they may  
Constantly touch and be touched by hay  
Every obstacle encountered on the way  
Is felt and dealt with today  
I hope more serpent-like we become  
Wriggling around together on our tum  
Our skins will soon shed, but we need not dread  
Regrowth is why serpents always look young

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