

# Bards in the Bog



Armitage Shanks

You really must relax - the awful things you hear  
about us can mislead. We like to  
see ourselves as your deliverance  
in vitreous china. We've been waiting for you.

We've been described as angels clothed in porcelain,  
not merely made but finely wrought  
with love, accessorised in chrome.  
Is that too strong? Perhaps, but even we have pride.

We know you sought us out with some reluctance,  
much preferring somewhere more  
your own, but don't misunderstand  
us when we say your.....business is important to us.

The lights don't work, but we can see you in the gloam.  
Come on in. Sit down. And make yourself at home.

*Andy Jackson*

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