

## ELECTRICITY

Madame Oolong, mysterious name  
This game of life and love's a hard game  
If you're the winner then you take it all, but the  
Loser of the game has got a long way to fall...  
Madame Oolong, we drank tea  
Lapsang Souchong we sipped before you kissed me  
You curled up close to me and whispered in my ear  
"Tell me all you know 'bout electricity, my dear..."

I laughed and racked my brain for you, Madame Oolong  
"Time times ampage current equals charge in Coulombs", I  
whispered  
You smiled and sighed, "Tell me more", you moaned  
"Voltage equals ampage times resistance in Ohms", I whispered  
Your smile departed like a fading flower  
"Ampage times the voltage equals wattage power", I whispered  
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Madame Oolong, you have to confess  
With volts and Coulombs you were strangely obsessed  
I whispered formulae to you all night  
Told you tales of amps and joules until the cool morning light  
As morning broke and I was falling asleep  
I heard you whisper in a voice soft and deep  
"You know so much about amps and Coulombs  
Can't you fix an accident for Mister Oolong?"

I laughed and said "You're joking, Madame Oolong"  
"Time times ampage current equals charge in Coulombs", you  
whispered  
I smiled and sighed, "I don't believe you" I moaned  
"Voltage equals ampage times resistance in Ohms", you  
whispered  
My smile departed like a fading flower  
"Ampage times the voltage equals wattage power", you whispered  
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Madame Oolong, love made me insane  
Mister Oolong met his end the very next day  
A spark, a flash, a cry as he mowed the lawn  
You were a very merry widow by the very next dawn...  
Madame Oolong, now it's my turn

The executioner knows more than I'll ever learn  
About resistance, voltage, amps and Coulombs  
Think of me in this electric chair, Madame Oolong....

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