

# STEVE TAYLOR

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Spread the poison;  
little back bites  
at undefended rears.  
Venom and vitriol  
and hot air blows,  
surprise attacks  
at uncovered flanks.  
Gossip mongrels  
slander monger,  
scurrilous snipers fire.  
Knives are sharp  
but tongues are sharper,  
malicious is delicious  
bitchy whispers  
in your Achilles ear.  
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