

**Prologue to Steve Gartin's
Motion for Forgiveness and Petition to Seal**

Steve Gartin comes from no home like Romeo
Nor is this Courtroom so fair as sweet Juliet.
Like New England's feud with Mr. Thoreau,
This State sees justice as a cell for Patriots.
Arrested at gunpoint through unclean warrant,
Star-crossed Steve Gartin dueled without knives.
With words he rallied a jail to discontent
Until, at length, he undisguised a trail of lies.
A lawyer, detectives wanting work, and a disabled judge
Have shut Steve Gartin in to beg forgiveness.
As this system, in God we trust, refuses to budge
And, he wears a jacket that begs death, not justice.
Now for this drama we have come today
For Steve Gartin, through his lawyer, to have his say.

Doc Miller