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BLOWING KISSES TO MY CRITICS

A scream queen will manifest
All nature's power, beyond baroque calculus
As I seize the mic, won't cede the fight
What's done is done and what's wrong is right
No bitch we ain't dead yet
And I'll never regret
Standing my ground and stating my accomplishments
You can test this
Integrity like the poets of old
A map into the human soul
All my verses are published in Heaven like William Blake once said
In fulfillment of a pre-cancel culture contract
I just know that
In the fullness of time these multi-stepped rhymes will bloom
from the roots that grow from my tomb
To the stars and beyond
From this blond on blond, cousin to an Andy Warhol superstar
'Cause I ain't no whore
Selling out my principles
An individual with class and hyper-precision
On a mission to fill the akasha with light and love and poetry
Doing justice to the visions I saw
and raising the Collective Paw

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Cousin to Andy Warhol Superstar Bibbe Hansen, Alex S. Johnson was dubbed "the Baudelaire of our time; the poet of the underground" by Cyberpunk genre co-founder John Shirley. His books include the cult classic dark fiction collection The Doom Hippies, included in the Widener Library at Harvard University, which also houses the first folios of William Shakespeare. He has performed his poetry alongside such icons as Ellyn Maybe, Iris Berry, Danielle Willis, Ron Whitehead, Thomas Roche and Marie Lecrivain. As a publisher and editor his works include The Junk Merchants: A Literary Tribute to William S. Burroughs, featuring original work by The Runaways co-founder Kari Lee Krome and "Bela Lugosi's Dead" songwriter David J. Haskins. His obsession with Tairrie B. Murphy goes back more than a quarter century to when he was Editor-in-Chief of Juggernaut: The Magazine of Extreme Music, did an in-person interview with the gangsta rap cum metal songwriter and performer and conceptualized the photo shoot for the cover which was done by Rolling Stone photographers Amelia G. and Forrest Black. Johnson lives in Carmichael, California with his family.