

Tennis Etiquette

The tennis tournament was in full swing
The sound of balls hitting racquet strings
Players grunting as they tried to hit
Shots that their opponents couldn't get.

The audience is quiet while the ball's in play
Etiquette fashioned in long gone days
When white clothes the players wore
And, generally, no one swore.

But now, it seems, we've gone the route
To having an audience full of louts
Still quiet while the ball's in play
But otherwise, quite vulgar
displays.

And some of the players do lack decorum
Behaviour that should embarrass their mums
I know it's tense out there on the court
But surely good manners shouldn't count for naught.

There's big money to be had
By the winning lass or lad
Is that what leads to such vulgarity
And petulance and anger, such a pity.

Not all are like that, not a bit
But there's some who are just plain shits
Smashing racquets, disputing calls
Off their pedestals I hope they fall.

Perhaps I'm old fashioned, yesterday's man
Sport and good manners should go hand in hand
Striving to win is a noble bent
But it's been corrupted by dollars and cents.

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