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BY BRYAN JONES

They say you tattoo
The master of the ink sew
Except no stitches to undo
Just wild and crazy days of person’s past
On arm to arm to leg to leg to ass to ass
If there is skin, there is opportunity
Ink and flesh are introduced to unity
A pen that has bite
To an arm that has might
You tattoo they say
To a customer today, you say be still and lay

No, no, no
Tattooing is not a crime
But it will cost you a dime
You can do a jig and rap a rhyme
But it will still cost you a dime

From arms of NY concrete to the arms of NC shoreline
For the uninitiated, tattooing is not a crime
It’s a storybook on a body
It’s ink for the biker and the preacher, ink for everybody

A Russian weightlifter barges in with Vodka in hand
Give me rusted barbwire on this arm or else man
Oh the people the tattooer meets
Completely honest folks to the cheats

A tattoo can be completely beautiful and meaningful
Or it can be disgusting and hurtful
At the end of the day art can make us smile or draw us to tears
It feeds off of hopes and fears
So much for the notion that a tattoo is a tattoo is a tattoo
It is a reflection of who?
Yes you, the person with the tattoo.