

The following was inspired (if that's the right word) by a discussion group called World Affairs at the Lexington Senior Center in which one self-assumed genius would have both eased the federal budget deficit and improved world affairs by reducing our troop levels and instead bombing our various "enemies" into submission with guided missiles.

I Once Had All the Answers

Observing how ineptly
Our affairs of state were run
Whether locally, by county,
Or way down in Washington
I once had all the answers
As to just what I would do
And in military matters
I was quite the expert too
For I realized I was smarter
Than most anyone alive
Quite amazing when you realize
I was only thirty-five!

But now that I am eighty
It has finally dawned on me
Those problems are perplexing
With solutions hard to see
And blokes with all the answers
From jobs to Middle East
Are probably the very ones
Whom we should trust the least

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