

**TOPKAPI**

---

*I am the Sultan. Jewelled, I sit on jewels.  
My head bows with the weight of jewels.  
My fingers curl open with the weight of jewels.*

*They bring me a bowl of emeralds the size of figs.  
To play with if I want to, and curds  
To eat with spoons so diamonded  
They rasp my lower lip.*

*I have a candlestick  
With 6666 diamonds. The British Queen  
Has sent me the jewelled order of her garter.*

*One day I will throw myself into the Bosphorus.*