

**joybox**

in the morn someone awoke  
to effeminate He-Man figures,  
handbags and high heels.

in the morn someone awoke  
to butch Barbie dolls,  
buzz cuts and bayonets.

in the morn someone awoke  
to play with plastic,  
molds of femininity and masculinity.

in the morn someone said,  
“i will stage a battle.  
they are equal and i  
will play much longer  
than i ever have before.”

in the morn someone  
could have denounced  
Santa Claus . . .

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