

## Integrity

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O, how they tried  
with tenderness and subtlety  
at first  
then psychological intimidation  
then coercion and physical torture

after decades of relentless onslaughts  
did they succeed in altering  
one iota of being, thought or tendency,  
did they break this spirit?  
not on *your* life  
as mine is too precious to compromise

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Jungle Drum Prose/Poetry. <http://jungledrum.lingama.net/news/story-501.html>