

# **SIX OCTOBER DAYS**

**Stub Cruft (rush limbaugh redux)**

by  
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## Introduction

As an artist I am interested in how the ideas and images presented to us by the media affect our view of the world. For my current work I have borrowed the computer hacker term 'Crufft', defined as an unpleasant substance; excess; superfluous junk; and redundant or superseded computer code. To create this work I call CRUFT, I write simple algorithms that an automated computer system follows. The instructions outline what websites to target, and the system then downloads selected images and text, which are then used as source material, and remixed to create new artwork on a schedule that imitates the 24/7 cable news cycle.

*Six October Days* is a selection of poems created as the result of my own consuming and digesting of the words used in Rush Limbaugh's daily talk radio show.

### **Cook On Cannabilism**

This custom of eating their enemies slain in battle (for I firmly believe they eat the flesh of no others) has undoubtedly been handed down to them from earliest times; and we know it is not an easy matter to wean a nation from their ancient customs, let them be ever so inhuman and savage; especially if that nation has no manner of connexion or commerce with strangers...

...For, said they, 'Can there be any harm in eating our enemies, whom we have killed in battle? Would not those very enemies have done the same to us?' I have often seen them listen to Tapia with great attention, but I never found his arguments have any weight with them. When Oedidee and several of our people showed their abhorrence of it, they only laughed at them.

~ Captain Cook

### **A General History and Collection of Voyages and Travels — Volume 14 by Robert Kerr**

<http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/13381>

These poems are a collaboration between myself and Rush Limbaugh, but as my computer program manipulates his words, they are remixed and transformed, no longer as incendiary, but rather impotent in their desperate staccato repetition demanding to be heard.

The current daily Stub Crufft, as well as the entire archive can be found online. <http://www.robertspahr.com/work/stub/>

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)  
SUICIDE COUNTRY WHO  
Monday October 25 2010

part 1 of 3

says asking  
asking  
says asking socially look sworn look  
says asking socially look sworn  
SUICIDE  
says asking  
says asking  
says asking  
says world SUICIDE asking sworn

part 2 of 3

Brooks worried  
worried  
Brooks worried could United being United  
Brooks worried could United being  
COUNTRY  
Brooks worried  
Brooks worried  
Brooks worried  
Brooks better COUNTRY worried being

part 3 of 3

day fired  
fired  
day fired Dallas masturbation being masturbation  
day fired Dallas masturbation being  
WHO  
day fired  
day fired  
day fired  
day myself WHO fired being

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)  
SAY LIFE TRYING  
Tuesday October 26 2010

part 1 of 3

November thanked  
thanked  
November thanked Oakland always being always  
November thanked Oakland always being  
SAY  
November thanked  
November thanked  
November thanked  
November Johnson SAY thanked being

part 2 of 3

endorsed telling  
telling  
endorsed telling want tweaks Speaking tweaks  
endorsed telling want tweaks Speaking  
LIFE  
endorsed telling  
endorsed telling  
endorsed telling  
endorsed governor LIFE telling Speaking

part 3 of 3

serious running  
running  
serious running done understand being understand  
serious running done understand being  
TRYING  
serious running  
serious running  
serious running  
serious West TRYING running being

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)  
TALK OBAMA WOULDN  
Wednesday October 27 2010

part 1 of 3

melody attracted  
attracted  
melody attracted have win going win  
melody attracted have win going  
TALK  
melody attracted  
melody attracted  
melody attracted  
melody Washington TALK attracted going

part 2 of 3

three thinking  
thinking  
three thinking are weapons passed weapons  
three thinking are weapons passed  
OBAMA  
three thinking  
three thinking  
three thinking  
three oppose OBAMA thinking passed

part 3 of 3

mosque obsessed  
obsessed  
mosque obsessed along This started This  
mosque obsessed along This started  
WOULDN  
mosque obsessed  
mosque obsessed  
mosque obsessed  
mosque taxes WOULDN obsessed started

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HOW HARRY WELL  
Thursday October 28 2010

part 1 of 3

appear fed  
fed  
appear fed adults South South  
appear fed adults South  
HOW  
appear fed  
appear fed  
appear fed  
appear Think HOW fed

part 2 of 3

next voting  
voting  
next voting want people done people  
next voting want people done  
HARRY  
next voting  
next voting  
next voting  
next tidal HARRY voting done

part 3 of 3

any declined  
declined  
any declined Democrat number fed number  
any declined Democrat number fed  
WELL  
any declined  
any declined  
any declined  
any happy WELL declined fed

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)  
MISTAKE TOLERATE KNOW  
Friday October 29 2010

part 1 of 3

fewer

fewer restoring most had most  
fewer restoring most had  
MISTAKE  
fewer  
fewer  
fewer  
fewer themselves MISTAKE had

part 2 of 3

jobs viewed  
viewed  
jobs viewed dwarf live watching live  
jobs viewed dwarf live watching  
TOLERATE  
jobs viewed  
jobs viewed  
jobs viewed  
jobs live TOLERATE viewed watching

part 3 of 3

enemy restoring  
restoring  
enemy restoring going damage going damage  
enemy restoring going damage going  
KNOW  
enemy restoring  
enemy restoring  
enemy restoring  
enemy Make KNOW restoring going

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)  
ZAKARIA RUBIO RUNNING  
Saturday October 30 2010

part 1 of 3

who happening  
happening  
who happening engineer another created another  
who happening engineer another created  
ZAKARIA  
who happening  
who happening  
who happening  
who innovation ZAKARIA happening created

part 2 of 3

Senator denying  
denying  
Senator denying world young arranging young  
Senator denying world young arranging  
RUBIO  
Senator denying  
Senator denying  
Senator denying  
Senator The RUBIO denying arranging

part 3 of 3

say Come  
Come  
say Come Obama created Obama  
say Come Obama created  
RUNNING  
say  
say  
say  
say get RUNNING created

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