

## Not Original, Not Funny

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when asked by a customs officer  
if he had anything to declare, Oscar retorted,  
'only my homosexuality, dear boy,  
only that' -- well, not quite but close  
not the arse but close.

'yes, mam,' nodded the shoe salesman  
after fetching the 50th pair of shoes  
for a fussy poor little rich girl

after rejecting the 50th pair  
the salesman inquired,  
'what exactly do you want madam?'  
it's the colour that's not quite right  
i don't want brown but close to brown  
very close, she said

the salesman returned with a pair  
of close-to-brown shoes,  
which the fussy rich girl immediately  
rejected,  
'i told u not brown but close to brown,'  
she said

'madam' exasperated the salesman  
i'd like to fuck you up the arse  
but not really the arse, just close  
to the arse

and all the while poor Oscar [Wilde]  
was doing time for being precise and  
decisive.

the lesson is clear,  
the imprecise and  
indecisive usually win the day  
-- genius always abandons one  
when needed most.

the group is engaged  
drinking wine  
and speaking pleasantries,

i sweep the room with my  
eye and see  
only  
portraits of Dorian

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