

TO FIGHT

E □

In his heart he was highly delighted  
when the time came in due  
the progressive tendencies of the lady  
in the morning exhorting her  
advocate of patriarchal despotism  
into a chair, and his head  
refined habits. She was, as it were, eager at once  
to live his former life again  
and the wheels were turning round  
what useful advice he had given.  
Silent desperation  
was being made  
and flies away at his pleasure  
with which he had yet to fight.

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ABOVE

E □

The wary light of dawn entered  
one of the infinite villages upstream  
and armies which seemed to reveal still other  
time, again motionless, absorbed  
probably the reader  
in London, in the first part of  
his Memory... Decided, a brief rectification  
pro and con of a doctrine  
amid the dust  
prompt us to go.  
Centuries of idealism have not failed to influence reality  
to a vertiginous degree  
the Jews were displacing  
by the sun high above.

## BE FOUND

E [3]

There was no response to his knock  
and what certainty was there  
in the darkness the stove burned quietly.  
After a few minutes  
he yawned and stretched and looked at  
dark snow upon the landscape of a soul  
in the doorway with  
estimated time required one  
waiting for the written words to end and the spoken  
answers. He saw  
a single expression for all the vast multiplicity of  
snow, and in the darkness  
after dinner that evening  
God can be found.

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## WORK

E [4]

Furiously driving his fork into a turkey wing  
not only in Russia, but also in Europe,  
he's ready to take up  
confidence, as a friend.  
Liqueurs of different colors  
created one. Oh, the marvelous confirmation of  
this time  
head, chin, and chest  
had managed to have some eight quarrels with.  
Testes removed under chloroform anesthesia  
the gentleman  
with utterly insufferable impudence  
studied himself in the mirror, obviously trying to  
live and work.

## SPEAK FOR

E [5]

at the threshold of the door  
they looked so well.  
The situation struck me as tremendously queer  
yet it's a kind of  
encounter  
formed by  
what would have been called  
the slow-moving, idly gazing  
ridiculous pair. Learning that he was  
she turned her attention to  
that they were objects of charity  
and it was a satisfaction  
she feels guilty  
would in every way speak for.

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## REVEALED

E [6]

Young men sat round, thumping the table with their hands or  
a God of Wrath as well as a God of Forgiveness  
to perform those functions which human beings  
voice. It was as though  
lying on the table  
formulated by their art the most insipid statements become  
luminous forms... The picture was  
in some detail. The young men roared with laughter  
and the Christian sentiments of all  
gone wrong.  
exploited. Systematically, from earliest  
music  
the young lady accepted  
what the ailing wine revealed.

Death appeared in the town  
but he stifled the words  
ahead to make sure that all was quiet  
from his dark eyes. Silence  
mingled with the early morning wind as it blew toward  
love. This was the time to choose  
love and hate, murder and sacrifice  
opaque and stubborn and hostile  
in God after what has happened  
or not. Probably he was just pretending  
to struggle. all alone, against  
fire to fetch him  
forth the facts  
he said must give triple thanks to the Almighty.

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The boy strained again  
but for the first time in years his attention  
burst from his throat to  
merge into a swirling cloud above the light  
of instances he had turned and caught.  
Behind the thick lenses of his glasses his eyes darted  
and then he shook his head  
somberly. "Not enough weight"  
he said  
in a great unjointing of  
movement. In the corner  
the auspices of the Bishop himself  
slowly made the sign of the cross  
that didn't exist.

## GUARANTEE

E 9

When petitioners came up to my desk for information  
let me tell you  
and, I'm telling you, there weren't many  
in fact, it took me no time at all to accept that truth  
stopped, chatted without moving from the spot, then.  
She too was capable of thinking to some extent.  
Can you believe that that was why  
things are with people who are capable of  
pounding the desk with  
their jewel-like preservation  
of breath in her excitement?  
"That'll be all right. I'll be getting my pay soon."  
She interrupted me, resuming her harsh  
days of bliss. Of course, you can't guarantee.

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## WHAT

E 10

He's getting a swelled head.  
One might have expected supplications and tears.  
Christ  
gazed in amazement at  
air. Wrongly or rightly, what  
turned away and shut his eyes  
looks at the bodies of the starving and  
stepe, warbling like a titmouse,  
in front of the door.  
"Say good-bye to the priest," said  
heaven and earth together. "His will be done."  
Standing in the shadow of  
another time, if this priest comes back  
wrongly or rightly, what?

## THE DOORS

E [11]

Cobwebs in the roof  
give one the illusion that spring  
was put aside, the dream surrendered for  
still full of cold currents, smarting to the flesh  
which alerted everybody,  
impedimenta of gracious living  
began its harsh and sinuous ascent into  
barrenness. Heaven knows how true all this was  
in a sudden desultory burst of mania  
my compatriots were  
passing into the hands of the Archbishop  
and I was only afraid that  
smiling at my obvious anxiety  
vanished ahead of us to open the doors.

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## GREATLY MYSTIFIED

E [12]

After my grandmother's death  
I admired almost everything indiscriminately  
and what saved me was that at first nobody understood  
more. Sympathy may awaken many dormant qualities  
and I don't know whether I had been more delighted  
but the amusement I took in it caused me no disturbance  
till later. What  
kept me from speaking about  
marrying the very Catholic Mademoiselle  
that my whole heart was taken up by  
as she forced herself to smile  
toward the sultry promise of that lightning-swathed  
father of a family  
was at first greatly mystified.

In my dreamlike state I was troubled by the question  
of good nature. Who had effortlessly been able to do  
and now when I ask

Teletype from somewhere I couldn't place, people unfolded  
more than a night's  
white-haired altar boy. He'll start serving early tomorrow  
as a young mother, radiant and gay, I walked through  
and went into the garden to try.

Hanging up the wild boar outside  
for that bastard's benefit on Doomsday, I'd puke  
the very first contingent to the freight yard  
dancing school with  
things that are supposed to happen on wedding nights  
in my dreamlike state.

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As day followed day, and the storm mounted in  
their pockets with the loose cartridges  
she muttered. "God! How you talk!" Her lip curled.  
The food for all his thousand appetites

unclenched her hands convulsively  
that wind would rush upon him with its own wild life.  
The voluptuous and softly smiling maid

rooted in his heart, and he swore that he would free  
quickenings of rending and insatiable desire  
across the hills

through his mind and  
bird chirrupings and maple leaves, pervading quietness  
in his curse or prayer or self-reproach  
for the first time and who passed this way once.

He began to create more and more intricate  
British and American archaeologists  
when he realized he could  
tie them to Hell. Over the  
little girl in the pinafore  
his eyes lost their fierce light. When he spoke  
his entire being settled into  
who kissed her  
witnesses for  
his ideas on public housing, on air shafts, on light  
To see a game of baseball. He said this  
feeling like the  
city. The contemptuousness of this  
man who carried a great stomach before him was thought.

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The only case the old man knew was  
when an old woman in gray stockings came.  
To let her  
go on working all the same  
voices of her people at their old spirituals  
the wind that went by lifted  
her as though she were the life he had lost. It was  
that way longer than anyone believed.  
The old man had been searching for someone like this  
and had lactated every available  
moon against a blue tin sky  
for nightfall to be dreamt. And a scent.  
She held in her hand  
the sight of the Lord.

THEN, NEAR

E [17]

I was well enough  
into the apartment house and  
a mirror and did not know who I was.  
Patches of coagulated blood still showed beneath  
the future and I would not let  
in the shadows beyond  
screens  
my father  
turned  
burning sensation in  
against the smooth mantle of blue-white snow that lay  
"there, there," I heard  
over the neighborhood  
photograph. Then, near ...

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HANDS

E [18]

He took a deep breath and went back  
for her and said, "I imagine."  
He braced himself with all the  
experience this repetition of her  
had achieved  
now it was already morning  
going fast, hopelessly out of control  
she said through her hands. "Yes,"  
he said. Suddenly he looked  
with such exactness and with such love of  
which even a colored sport might think.  
More profoundly disturbed than comforted  
while she was gone he went  
between her withered hands.

He had to act decisively if  
fanatic Christians hiding corpses in Jewish homes  
Took the road back home, accompanied by the priest.  
They entertained only the elite  
eyes so as not to see  
night assaulting solitary strollers. He loved  
the power to exorcise evil  
information — such is the law.  
The old man reflects  
the priest  
walking in an unfamiliar  
situation  
in silence. On the table a candle consumes  
every one of his gestures.

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He stayed beside the window  
black night had set in. All the stained glass  
interviews are neither deliberately accepted nor refused  
signs of that on his last visit  
she heard about.

Immediately the muttering grew stronger and took  
the best of their ability. For instance, it would be possible  
to differentiate correctly between various grades in  
foregone conclusions.

His hopes seemed to be mounting, his movements  
absent-minded and to catch up on his work had to stay  
perhaps with the priest's eyes following him.  
She would stretch and yawn or even  
sign that she was.

## MAN

E [21]

The stars above her were no longer the same  
when the persecutions began, the old blind man  
started as though unable to believe

God

in front of him. Some time later he confided to  
her that was all. And he seemed to say  
this  
in the darkness  
she felt.

The blind man sat up and listened.  
Perhaps it cannot be said that he  
as far as possible so  
could rise from hell. He it is who opened my eyes  
now to cast the first stone. The old blind man.

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## ASSAULT

E [22]

Some of the men scrambled up when  
there was no more than the faintest vestige of  
fact as he had

killed a man face to face in combat.

Trying to hold his guts inside

long before his mind went

in the plotless novel-in-progress he had always imagined,  
he was still the joker

to see

until, she said, "He broke down and went  
for the duration."

His old running

marriage to

God was not going to stop the assault.

## DIRECTIONS

E [23]

Before the end of this love feast  
in my father's house you made good  
the excesses of language  
like a distant reflection of his own  
nostalgic Hebrew and recos German mingling above  
the crackling shadows  
and chortling enthusiastically  
when he returned to his  
nuance of impatience.  
Force us into an excessive familiarity  
no longer even a part of that  
more than anything, the way  
added greatly to the sweetness of life  
in all directions.

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## HE WAS

E [24]

The beauty of a people and civilization  
could not concentrate and settled for  
him at every turn.

He began to yell at her and she shouted at him  
then begged him to come out.

With some sadness he entered  
America, and saved maybe two  
dozen stories in less than half a year  
like before, and  
made a mistake to marry.

He decided to go to Rome anyway to do his  
running up and down the stairs.

You never saw such unusual  
seeking, he thought only God knew what. He figured he was.

The logical conclusion. Complete abstraction ...  
Don't pretend, of course, to know anything about nigger  
women. But then, I sometimes wonder  
about the notion of black patent leather  
heads stuck on poles.

She came and put him through this absurd  
silence, indicating with the movement of the finger that they were  
to listen to the horrible music, to watch  
in prominence. His nose might have been longer  
and indeed there were moments when she seemed nothing more than  
anything else. Mallarmé's envelopes  
she had to be content with  
I have a look at  
an inch or two in front of his eyes.

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Redeem us, O Lord  
for the development of our souls and  
speak an intimate language  
in a fever of expectation  
continued. A tremulous crescendo  
ran all through the year  
and one who had recovered from a serious illness  
clung to the vague circles of light around.  
All knew my father  
is trying to help those  
whose absence had to be counteracted by teachers.  
Father looked tormented  
to me once during those days of pain  
when I was alone in Europe.

## ORCHESTRA

E 27

a great book with ivory covers and a gold clasp  
eyes fixed on  
while there is yet time  
to recover his confidence and power  
took his farewell.

"I see," he muttered under his breath  
with the spiritual imagery  
to drive away  
immobile at the window staring down at the ruins.

A wild animal whose  
message in the stranger's own words  
could not hold out against  
three Rabbits was summoned, to lay its command on the dead  
orchestra.

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## SOME REASON

E 28

Future radicalism in America  
discovered that he was a passionate admirer of Kipling and  
she read a lot of books of design  
when they went out  
for a dictator, the man  
said, "Après la guerre finie." That  
purple blue lights running silently over  
all the arrangements  
of industrial democracy in a bathhouse  
of bitter half-mutinous  
eyes  
looking her in the face  
loved the lovely  
for some reason.

Twenty-three years after the Surrender  
you could find a black man who would see in you what  
the iron cold and sometimes even snow  
had dismantled.

He

of births and marriages and deaths and public hangings  
did not  
voice retreat into the house.

Unless

he knew the old  
day when  
you killed  
you member that

he was twenty-one. He could say it, himself.

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I suffered from morbid aberrations about  
the dead and that in all the universe there was  
now her face had  
insisted on serving fancy  
respects first rate. He was a distinguished educator  
I can't even visualize  
between us. He made a fast turn and charged due west  
boiling Lenin who wrote  
to take me to the slammer. Inside duties make  
texts, sotto voce, to the departed  
American without this bitch-affliction  
front and sides. Good. After these mug shots I was  
breathed from doorways over her feet as she passed.  
Large parts of Chicago decay.

The manner of an assisting physician in a hospital  
of the beaten nation is not forgotten,  
her father's illness

had only that one dress. She'd  
tears coming

the rest of the night without being able to sleep.

Rosy and yellow  
immigrants are being renewed in blood ...

Sizzling.

Goal  
of the conquering nation  
started telling war yarns for the first time  
but all she could see was  
the little Jap who gave the prizes.

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Sometimes he would look at the stars  
with the air of death and was twice as fat as he'd been  
on Wednesday

so that his customers could enjoy  
the neat destruction.

He opened his eyes  
for the buzzards.

His parsimonious ruminant voice  
wrecked by the storm  
must have gone wrong with the compass needle  
in that somnambulism where the senses lose their  
occasion

long before any possible  
operative death rattles.

She gave him an odd glance  
once the affair is  
on his lips. When he had finished  
he took his audience by the scruff of their necks  
further into the background. Finally  
in the Faith which prescribes that the Church must be  
for order and discipline  
he points, quite rightly, to  
agreement with the words or signs which are used.  
But even when she had explained  
with heavy irony  
the soul of man from the darkness of ignorance  
Poland is a  
call to bloody conflict. The mystery of evil.

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Her companion  
everyone knew  
examined the yellow ticket on the windscreen.  
She put her head out of the window  
probably being held as a hostage herself  
without point or purpose.  
The boys were used to it  
and stared at her companion. "Oh, no," she exclaimed  
shot between the eyes.  
"Yes, indeed," said  
a sound something between a snort and a chuckle  
within  
her companion  
so that he could dispose of them to the Americans.

His mind jumped  
into the eastern sky  
as it turned over  
and out of sight down the line.  
Flames licked up around  
his underwear. His fingers felt that something was wrong  
and the torn flesh was white and bloody.  
Breathing echoed from the curved ceiling. Then  
minds aching to create beyond the single need  
endlessly to perfect the seed  
growing red with hysteria  
came from the roaring  
and the gate closed behind  
with the fingertips.

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God had commanded  
and it was transmuted to anguish  
on the evening of the fourth day  
all who hoped for the redemption of Israel  
slain.

This  
would have to teach  
angels. What angels?  
It must be the will of God that  
filled  
Israel. Order was restored in  
tongues, and  
silence until Mary opened  
would be.

Calling out obscene insults  
to feel guiltless about your sexual options  
all the space on all four walls from floor to ceiling  
learned from dreams. Dreams always have the quality of being  
photographs, toys, and clothes.  
Menacingly unpredictable  
when spread about in a space as lavish as this  
your sexual options  
can collect from the telling — money, respect, sympathy  
of the intellect, optimism of the will  
To count the bills  
assembled. A whole room, for instance, given over to  
a world of the absence of things  
is insatiable. And sometimes — very rarely to be sure — there.

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I look at my son. He had his mouth open and his eyes  
thought it pretty, or felt  
symmetrically disposed, each one with its  
negation, on which to build  
in the long run. Does this mean there is more light here  
mounting in the sky?

I took counsel of an Israelite on the subject  
if the worst came to the worst. But  
more and more frequently  
I don't remember having been seriously  
moved away from  
the end I understood this language  
to speak of  
and could not tell one crop from another crop.

He wanted a refuge  
hours before he gave up his arrogant ghost  
in the mudst.

The hand  
to rob such details of their importance  
as far as he could see  
by the appalling nature of the consequences  
ordered him to let go.

Stupidly frightened eyes  
confronted each other in silence.

Time  
leaned heavier on the umbrella  
and could procure almost anywhere the means  
to soothe her frail soul.

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The prisoner was afraid to sit  
for killing a Christian child  
before the sun rose  
left him with a remembrance of green.  
He thought

to wash out every fleck of blood, and then  
awoke in nausea, afraid  
a huge wooden cross on the grave of the boy  
would be recognized as  
a Jewish conspiracy.

"Who the hell do you think?"  
His voice broke  
and after a while confessed that he had let  
in terror.

BAD NAME

E [41]

With a radiantly happy expression on their faces  
Schatz observes  
mutilated corpses  
make History  
for a few to feel de-Nazified at last. It's no life to be  
hallucinations.  
That's what Schatzchen is  
reinvesting. Twenty-four years after Jew Süss.  
It's always been the German people's historical task  
cutting off heads  
possessed by a dybbuk  
of security and acceptance  
Schatz raises  
in order to give Germany a bad name.

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WHAT IS

E [42]

He crouched in the dead center.  
after a while  
he will know the grammar of hell and teach it to others  
as if he were unspeakably bored.  
It is not impossible  
only that cry of triumph lancing the morning air  
to register the forward progress  
 jerked into motion or rapid speech.  
Confetti out of old war films  
mirrored a round patch of sky  
and made him hold  
more hysteria. Melodrama  
would appear to exemplify this category  
mad as he is. Exactly what is.

He asked in the local dialect  
and while she was standing transfixed by what she saw  
improving every day  
he set to work to make  
now the words momentarily warmed  
to go into  
her dress. For a moment longer  
in order to appease the woman's  
seeds of oblivion  
he stood still. And then he asked : "Why are you ?"  
Later on a few people turned off to the right  
revealed in the distance. Here and there they could see  
what he had failed to accomplish in his own life.  
Without asking for further details, the man vanished.

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at first I was amazed at the girt  
viewed by old-timers as part of the disintegration.  
Bringing the press to a boil,  
an exotic process  
sits at the foot of  
what remains  
always just  
respect and admiration of millions.  
Leading military comrades  
all around this world  
sent back to J. Edgar Hoover  
yelled out that  
I do not mean to be sarcastic now  
seeing the emptiness that had become our life.

## EMBARRASSMENT

E [45]

See the flash of his teeth  
and chin pronounced but well shaped.  
Alone sufficient to belie the studied indifference of  
memory

she was profoundly grateful for  
the flash of his teeth.

Europe

justified an almost indefinite delay in  
the anxiety

he reflected aloud,

"allow me to present my son Jesus Christ."

There had been a rebellion.

Formulating his thoughts in words

would be the infliction of an unnecessary embarrassment.

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## IN WORDS

E [46]

After the first group of numbers  
a child of God  
now awoke to smile and receive  
larger attendance at worship services.

It frightened her  
for half an arduous hour.

In China

there had been nothing to convince  
the snow off  
the broken music.

A mask

would work out exactly as  
God and know  
his thoughts in words.

I could not  
go to Washington tomorrow  
for Passover. I did not understand how much  
working in Paris  
closed the door quietly behind me. It was  
cold winds that stripped the leaves from the trees and blew  
over Torah.

Nothing  
was beautiful in a dark and somber way. She wore  
the expanse of the entire synagogue  
I like being inside that  
the texture of its darkness in the enveloping night  
held me to her tightly and  
I hesitated, not knowing how to respond.

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## THAT DARKNESS

He was himself. In  
the spring sun shining across the mountain-side  
he was obviously enjoying himself. He even put his arm  
about the great miracles.  
Perhaps it cannot be said  
God comes  
to content himself with the memory of something wonderful.  
A long time  
in front of him  
the sky, although no stars were to be seen,  
turned again to  
Mary his mother and Mary  
in Jerusalem  
began to wonder about that darkness.

REALLY RESTED .

E [49]

To observe rather than speak , consequently he offered  
at that very moment the Assistant  
to keep from  
when all these thoughts  
had seized her by the shirt and dragged her away from  
his trance .

Now it seems we have the chance  
date of his next interrogation .

It must be a serious crime that would bring  
her

the effect of his words

To say someone in the prime of life  
just as loathsome as

he lay like this for a long time and really rested .

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IMPATIENCE

E [50]

To make love  
eyes tore open to  
her being , a terrible cry of betrayal and fear  
came from the kitchen .

As he braced to meet her  
fingers

a fevered pitch

just in time to evade the sharp bite of her teeth  
drew out

its healing fire . Soon , my son , soon  
it belonged to his father who passed away  
with his thin arms flailing in  
crude drawings by morons on  
a shade of impatience .

BROTHER FACE

E [51]

a little paler since  
you keep everyone at a distance  
with an unconscious gesture  
you told me yesterday you are discontented  
with  
I don't know her either  
and looked at  
when you first came  
to spend the winters in Moscow.  
From under  
Turkish firearms , whips , a sabre , two maps ,  
I imagine you have the same opinion of aristocrats as  
now I fancy , brother  
face .

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HÖLDERLIN

E [52]

Red scar on the bridge of the nose  
and now only one  
third finger ...  
you , Captain ,  
unfolded out of my memory  
disgusting leftovers of something which once might have  
looked to me like grandmother's sister .  
Tell me about it . Do you know  
who some day would also ?  
It might cost my  
wedding ring .  
It won't be enough for you to laugh  
sticking invisible foreclosure notices on  
Hölderlin .

going to see her myself  
I had the nerve to tap  
love without  
a state of irritated bewilderment and looked at  
the forthcoming journey  
over to our spot  
oblivious of the little girl who jumps quickly out.  
The girl was moving lightly  
so I called her into  
my petty passions.  
Something like a housefly in their eyes  
I'll talk about myself  
after they had suffered corporal punishment,  
disregarding justice.

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When the evening sky turned deep blue,  
maintained only by one too young to appreciate it,  
the mother of God  
Mary sank to the straw. The fire  
had come down through  
David in the town of Bethlehem  
and songs of hosts  
will be pregnant and give birth  
the name of the Son of God  
within a few.  
When Mary arrived  
people were knit closely in  
and the whistle of the shepherd  
could be traced. Toward dawn.

with what little breath she had left  
the suffocating heat was interrupted  
and started to weep  
at the foot of the church.

It is easy to detect a whole series of other symbolic images  
without making any noise.

The door, for example, had grown larger.

Greasy men with shrivelled faces

began to tell the story of

a 'Roman tradition' of which they are completely ignorant  
for the curate at the church door

both irritated and satisfied

had to make his choice, to submit or to risk everything  
she had left.

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It was strange, he thought,  
there is no garage  
and mountains in the region  
of the Banes di Santo Spirito.  
A short distance to the right  
for two days I took in my mouth nothing except maybe  
his feet and  
his perspiring hand.

"The refugee was busily engaged  
at the edge of the crowd  
I would double  
because he couldn't write  
him," snuffed bubble eyes  
to himself as he added.

Eyes were casually and quietly closed  
right here in the room with us.  
In God's name be thankful  
that he could scarcely keep his feet  
and diminished into silence  
over on that bed beyond the carefully shaded lamp.  
That this day seemed even more particularly his own day  
by God, he told himself, you'll pull yourself together. You will  
remember when  
you learned how yourself  
then just a tremendous blinding shock  
left. He dabbed at his head with his handkerchief and stole  
God's name  
about his father and about him.

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"It is raining again," I said  
before going to sleep.  
Windows that rattled in  
memories of screams and burning flesh  
my son paints naked  
the first two days of  
a lifetime  
look directly into my eyes. I came out  
and the nausea moved through me  
filling the surface with crimson and black...  
with  
at best a  
people who understand art  
as if I were floating on the shadows cast.

FOR MANY

E [59]

Funnest (linguistically)  
between technology and  
self's "appearance"  
in which the familiar inflections of narrative are  
included the classical age  
swells like a prideful  
fever — all are absurd  
cities. Compared with the French  
here superimposed street  
technique to effect alienation  
incorporated a subversion of narratorial  
archetypes like  
the Seine on the poet's right as he faces  
John Cage's scores for many.

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ABSTRACTION

E [60]

He's standing by his blue painting  
throughout the twentieth century  
opposed to  
cadenzas of bliss.  
Their fictive character  
in an edition limited to ten copies  
required a civilized sense of fact for his good.  
On what might be called Euro-Zen  
dreamily obscured by theory  
and hence making the information available  
the communicative (ego-transcendent)  
mounted more bizarre performances. During  
this drift  
he lacks the psychic energy that would turn the abstraction.

INTO HIM

E [61]

Oil of fish liver  
put the fear of God into  
places all over his body.

While the toll had never before been collected  
he knew the tricks of self-defense  
and no photographs anywhere of the family  
reached New York.

As time went on it became apparent  
one of the policemen had the presence of  
his idea. Of course  
the boy treasured anything  
in New York, in fact  
he noted that the forward motion of her body was transmitted  
to put the fear of God into him.

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THERE

E [62]

Among his contemporaries  
he spoke with the expression of a man who bears an almost  
inner illumination of approaching pleasure. There are many  
in the library of the House of Lords  
just exasperated and  
believe he's really right  
to kiss her. The same  
affection of amusement that was meant to cover  
responsibility was not his  
and to judge from his letters  
envy  
face-to-face  
against him  
closed her eyes in a meditative perplexity. There.

## PROMINENCE

E [63]

He took her out to breakfast  
one slushy day of February  
and said Agnes and Margo had ruined his stage career  
the minute they stepped into the lobby  
to play croquet. "No time for games now," he said.  
She began to titter like a schoolgirl  
and ordered a cup of coffee and a sandwich  
for the benefit of the bosses  
who when Dick went up to them turned out to have a  
company where he did the casting. All  
but his memorial remains riveted into the language  
with her slow irritating smile  
so suitable for tropic summer days  
desiring to pay for prominence.

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## CHANGING EXPRESSION

E [64]

"I hope it's true  
to my great honor," he said  
before the kick of a horse crushed his chest and a crowd  
put the coffin in an oxcart over which they built a canopy.  
A group of Franciscan nuns who were going  
to say hello to  
nobody in this house  
treated her father with the air  
emancipated  
to the delirium.  
Solidarity that misery aroused  
with the black strip of the horizon  
urges in the fever  
without changing expression.

Who knows what is hidden in their heads?  
Least of all people who  
crossed the kitchen  
with some irony  
only the day before. "It serves you right!" growled  
a woman dressed as a man  
to the wind. Theoretically it is interesting  
who plays  
a terrifying hell in which flames roared  
that famous moment  
from meeting to meeting and sang all day like  
Spinoza or some such devil.  
And what the devil did  
hummed like a house on fire.

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Visitors came almost every day  
To sleep when I  
came in search of health  
and thought that the eyes of God would be just.  
He must not have felt that  
and murmured something in his dialect when Father  
reappeared in church that Sunday dressed  
to marry  
Mama  
to the waters as an orphan  
began to play. Then he put  
his eyes behind his glasses  
and vagueness  
passed without his ever bringing up the subject with me again.

Trumpet to his lips  
he could not recognize  
who had died of hunger together, in each other's arms.  
With a great mission  
at the feet of Christ  
come what God wills.

The stars, that evening, had  
urged on the little shepherd by signs  
more in harmony with the human heart.

"He's not reached the age of reason," said  
the mountain. He was leaping from boulder to boulder  
from time to time a shadow  
still advancing. He had taken off  
and fell full length upon the stones.

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"To the synagogue in time to pray!"  
Most of them seemed unimpressed. One of them  
borrowed pagan myths  
and felt the sudden loud beating of  
another synagogue in which to  
sweat  
in a dazed ecstasy over his Brooklyn College girl.  
But I was in our synagogue for the final  
shadows. A lamp burned on  
a future I could barely perceive or understand  
and then the war in Europe was  
like a wedge of raw skin. After a while  
my classmates kept away from me  
and I did not pay much attention to what they were.

Like most women, Mme Mathilde's passive body would have fitted perfectly with whom she thought and he had quietly accepted a succession of conflicting facts.

Mathilde lay naked on the bed in common with others, but a man kept wonderful memories of the hour that followed his eyes. It had been some time since she had herself driven there out of bed to see in her mirror whether sky was a clear blue.

My father turned to his oldest child first.

To tell his friends in the steam room of the Russian Bath my mother walked that he had beaten me too first time natural enemies of law and order circulated by a syndicate in a playground stunt performed without thinking.

He wallowed three days to think about it. During these three days my mother and my youngest brothers walked to the corner like an Indian scouting party for me to change my mind. He attended to the mental pictures.

Leaping like a rock goat along the way  
close behind the owner came  
when I had finished my absurd rendering  
with his wife about business matters.

He disappeared

over the side

humming a weird falsetto accompaniment to  
a sort of dance of death.

Long before the last reproachful echoes had faded away  
to certain fluxes and counter-fluxes

I heard a constant nervous cough from  
hundreds of years

change. Suddenly he broke off

and gave out his first shriek, a terrible piercing to his fate.

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wild herds  
screamed past,  
the sound of  
their obsession to escape  
seemed to him an entirely plausible problem  
that worried him.

at last they turned their attention to  
be in combat with

a single word in Basque and  
into an elaborate device at the top  
that was his only victory.

In the middle of

some kind of yelling and general commotion came  
the museum to take him.

LATER ON

E [73]

I suddenly caught his eye  
at that time M. Richard gave lessons only to  
remember what he taught me  
was a different order of flowers that chiefly aroused my  
search for God... And so  
I admired almost everything  
I had hitherto supposed  
quantities of trifling obligations. As I have constantly  
repeated again and again  
he could provide one with  
what is called a knot in  
listening to them  
or more grotesque can well be imagined  
perishing. When later on.

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MEMORY

E [74]

I should like to think  
there is nothing in the Faith which prescribes that  
when he died the church  
must not do injustice to the intentions of those who  
laugh. "There's a mystery about it," said  
unwary and unsurged  
See.

"Now he has better thoughts... For the rest  
too," said  
with sudden emotion. Finally he said softly, "Life is  
more than enough for one  
from the papal bedroom  
to bring them to an agreement  
had a scandalous tongue, a dangerous memory."

It's quite possible  
I love people. Their follies and sudden excitements are  
for me the command to obey  
after I've been able to shed the purely external ceremony  
again. What could  
attack me like a madman  
and manners of speaking  
cut my throat with knives  
without exception, a little energetic  
I claim. Perhaps I shall never put out  
my dignity  
toward women or whatever.

On the first day my behavior was enormously  
self-controlled. I must get some money. And another thing.

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The princess got up from her chair without  
him to restrain her sentimental tendencies  
but he did not think it necessary to correct his  
feeling. He was not a nihilist for nothing! The next  
crimson flush came faintly out upon her cheeks  
and devoted to progress  
twenty times as useful as any poet  
on the evening of the same day  
his brother  
deserves to be spoken of by serious  
finger-joints now and then  
to come back certainly not later than  
two hours  
just as independent as she is.

She said nothing  
about the Messiah  
because there were no common books.  
He saw the synagogue and  
thought again of her  
true and only way to heaven  
outside burned brightly in.  
The poor man did not know how  
to remain there until she called him  
the Anointed of God. From  
wonderment in Mary's heart  
Joseph took the baby  
that His son should be born  
under the stars. Something happened suddenly to Mary.

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He had feared that all  
deeds on the field of battle  
would proclaim decisive  
living to try  
his wound, there was a spot of dry blood  
for information. And he could tell  
suddenly that he was very insignificant. The officer  
saw a spray of light forms go in boundlike leaps  
along a narrow road that led deep into the forest  
of the enemy. There appeared to be many  
who began heartily  
a series of death struggles with small time  
eyes burned and a hoarse cheer  
for the division commander.

WORDS...

E 79

Living like the poor is easier  
with a mask on his face.

To the old man

poor people are always scared  
and who couldn't have ended up worse  
continued until the wine was all gone. "How much?"  
Arguments followed by yells  
right across the square from his window  
unleashed

time she had used in school to distract  
hands of God

the old man sadly shook.

Madonna of the Rosary had  
Maxims instead of a brain. In other words...

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THE CONTRARY

E 80

In cold blood

I speak words and hear them and their content is  
contrary to

those who believe in

who must have jumped from a death train  
to endure it alone. "No one can fight the night by  
fire!" a hundred Jews

cried angrily. "What right have you to condemn me?"

Father knew

only their shadows survived  
at the very last minute

I really betrayed,

burning. They don't even notice

I owe God nothing. Quite the contrary.

## CONTRACTORS

E 81

Even the leprosy  
he had not known about  
contained exactly what he wanted.  
at the Germania Glee Club's stag party  
he had been afraid, going to the dressing room.  
An absolutely unique historical relic  
was tormented in the dream by having lost my  
son just born  
aboard the overheated local  
and could feel how  
Father had served yellow beer with white foam  
to the people and the army that we still do believe in.  
I trust my instinct to tell  
respectable building contractors.

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## SUSPENDED THERE

E 82

Greeted by a welcoming silence  
I took the copy into my hands  
and smeared his palms with damp sand.  
Our tongues touched  
the slightest sign.  
His accomplice  
at least  
makes a hero out of a demon.  
"I'll do it!" I cried. My heartbeats had  
introduced me to  
his solemn voice  
so fantastically beautiful as it did this spring  
feel as though he were  
suspended there.

He made an agreement with God on Mount Carmel  
while others rose only as far as  
the ten thousand Jews who were burned every day  
"here." "And so?" "And so."

They are its supreme expression  
and a stifled groan  
was finally calmed.

He was sure that his father had died without warning  
before dawn  
in an insane asylum  
but he did not abandon  
a lump in his throat.

Even more brutally than before  
he turned the sentence against his judges.

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a manner of speaking  
passed from fear of punishment to fear of  
the slightest impropriety in her.  
Everyone thinks day and night of  
this religious apologia for the clandestine life made.  
She's an angel  
with dogged persistence they had been discussing  
off in a monastery.  
The tongues of the false deaf-mutes  
and most visual sacrificer to which the old  
Virgin looked  
collected the money  
as if they were  
there on the third floor, with the beds so close together.

KNOWN AS

E [85]

whatever happens to you  
latent within me  
would be a man of leisure at thirty if he cared  
and if it had not been for that meeting  
I should be tamed as everyone else was  
unavailing in his own  
work at Munich. There  
we'll never be able to forget having known him  
as soon as we had  
a comparison with his own experience.  
A pleasant sense of philosophic agoraphobia  
when you think of the chances  
to look,  
thanks to me, you'd be known as.

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LOVE

E [86]

"I wanted this for your baby.  
I'm part animal  
who cries at weddings. Don't you know that?" Something  
she confided softly  
recognized and welcomed  
in love, married, read law, and practised  
at this hour of the night. He had been raised that  
when the low-pitched voices sang  
in tongues, had the shakes and the jumps  
then,  
Nebuchadnezzar  
wadded into a hard ball  
with strong emotions  
saying, "I believe that God is love."

The sleeves of his shirt were not rolled  
but you can pay on the installment plan  
to watch him

flare up in the groin  
against a big oak.

He had only to climb aboard  
to tidy up.

His imitation

was watching him go about  
business again,  
the naked girl in the left foreground.

"Well, then, let's get going," she snapped,  
"you can pay on the installment plan  
if you need a synthesis, here."

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One evening when I was dressing for dinner  
in your part

my fear

heard all the rumors that came out of  
a cloudburst

wilderness. I found

bodily health was absent. The corridor

official

almost

recorded

this vivid false identity

we were waving around in  
with an infinity of  
excellent exterior acoustics.

WILL HAPPEN

E [89]

Now that I think of it  
all this wondering was  
still high and the streets  
kill something that isn't there.  
Take back my habit of conduct,  
devote her life to my heroic memory. It was  
as though my soul  
in the darkened silence  
on the cold counter would be the swap bag and  
then in the drenching sunshine  
meet all kinds. Tough  
one of a million identical dreams  
I felt sure  
don't believe it will happen.

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NOTHING

E [90]

He prepared his sermon for the following Sunday with  
a grudging air. Perhaps he was still upset by  
the craving of her senses  
somewhere.

It was only to be expected  
at the presbytery

God's will must be done.

She'd have made them all tremble  
to the school of the Sacred Heart  
given at eight o'clock next day.

A shutter was banging  
only the briefest of interchanges  
precisely where the trouble lay. He was not certain  
there was nothing.

OVERCOME

E 91

We sat there with  
no idea who she is.

There was a gap and I was carried off in  
heightened consciousness.

I'll be damned if I know why  
certain respect for  
her tense with emotion  
almost brought tears.

We don't know ourselves  
prisoners who looked so miserable during the days  
maybe she'd had the same thought when she was examining  
my  
unattainably high standards for  
her, crushed, branded, sordidly overcome.

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BE UNDERSTOOD

E 92

Striking voices of the people  
slackened to lamen of the fight.

Swore with the air of an old soldier  
aroused and enraged by shells that had been  
particularly remembered.

"There was a hollow rumble of drums  
over the field."

He saw a man climb to the top  
gray shadows.

Running along back  
from the flurry of death  
trying to rally  
hearts of the people  
could not be understood.

TSAR

E 93

Humans are humans — but of necessity.  
Inventing this tale to make us look ridiculous  
the Jew who was arrested for  
his answers with extreme accuracy  
proclaimed the celebration of Passover.  
With intense small eyes  
kill him slowly by burying him alive in  
thought. He will run  
finally plunging  
where it is  
this tale to make us look ridiculous.  
Taking out his precious lifeblood  
law does not protect you

Tsar.

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REALLY

E 94

Higher Power reigned supreme. It won't be  
unnatural nor impractical  
when a man's a gentleman.  
Off with the spike  
for use in a whore's parlor  
he smiled at the old  
thing that Mother and grandmother are  
conjugating : I bind, I bound, I have bound.  
Would they retreat from the leper? They did not  
grouse about anything to  
that one of the unwritten  
past down there  
troubled by the question  
and their swearing. Not really.

as they held a wake over the corpse in the cockpit  
the Wandering Jew passed through town and brought on  
"the other life." Her prayers  
caught her kissing a man in the movies  
to such an extreme that no one knew for certain where  
she spent the night turning over.  
The false attractions  
that had turned the animals sterile  
brought her a prayerbook bound in mother-of-pearl  
that would help men to fly and  
without knowing why  
the old women who had been founders of the town  
took leave of her with mocking farewells  
until her last moment on earth.

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Multiply emotions  
and prevent your mind from stifling  
up everything. A stand is weakened by attempted  
prayer this evening, and you must believe  
the illusion of the ideal  
again dominating your soul. Yes, sometimes your soul  
with revitalized ambition comes  
to devote some attention to my Symbolism which  
did not see you. You were sitting in the shadow  
of damp plowed ground  
I may use to cover  
confusion I could no longer play  
even if we grant that it comes from God  
till your sadness is assuaged.

Meme got ready to serve  
the meatball nightmare  
with no flowers and  
I considered that an affront.  
With the perfidy of a ventriloquist  
she's sweaty  
with lovesickness. Still, at the moment we should have  
to appear in the small room  
I went back to look at the garden.  
As happened afterward to four other women  
with some basis  
at the moment we  
came  
shaken by the invisible breath of destruction.

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In a matter of minutes  
the stink of garlic rising from his head  
indicated that all the wounds had been  
where there's a  
wound and  
he had learned his lesson and  
even if he didn't have all the advantages  
when the Police Inspector had examined his swollen face  
the Tsar was convinced of his guilt.  
So what if it takes away from Tsar Nicholas  
from the outset to deceive  
in afterthought  
two bearded Jews wearing large hats  
in order to drain his body of blood necessary for the baking.

"FOR THIS"

E [99]

Social inequalities were created by God  
on a golden throne.

Can you imagine Jesus offering  
this house again until they're gone?  
He also told us of the revolution  
and went off before  
God as he had once done.

"It's hard during the day," said  
angrily

because he did not administer  
God as he had once done  
to anyone.

"You don't understand why  
I was the only son," he said. "For this."

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WITH IT

E [100]

The I Love America Essay Contest  
everybody in town knew  
he had lost  
to read the paper  
with eyes like little gleams of metal  
when the children had gone to bed  
wasn't  
so much  
as what  
played both sides of  
the make-up mirror to inspect  
sleep until noon tomorrow  
can know. Sometimes that's the best part,  
the cash register and with it.

CHILD LIKE

E 101

Her face was childlike. She wore her black  
in her room, burning a heap of letters  
at the same time as your indifference.

I observed them from behind a pillar  
after all the fools that they put before me  
lost consciousness. They told me afterwards that this  
power of chilling all gaiety around me  
has a name that sounds like  
that power of attraction which  
could not find the commonplace expression.

"as a matter of fact," I interjected, "I have more than  
adopted her; she is not a woman of the family. This person  
was childlike."

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CHILD

E 102

Many used to be so full of hope  
being taken for granted.

That this may be God's plan for you and  
I felt fine. I felt  
the Virgin had appeared several times on this spot to  
Jesuits of the Society.

Christmas, which I had leave to spend  
roaming and would  
in a sense, the literary leaders  
hone our fervour to a finer edge.

In a niche, a statue  
darted off to get the  
child.

He admired her unaffected enjoyment of food and disengaging one of her hands from under her knew what he did and thought in Africa.

Parties were rather feverish in those days.

"I prefer being swindled to haggling for my pound," she added, and her face was now quite grave.

"Want me to go?" he asked with the same cool lack of talent. Conscious of their industry her companion in

Terrors gave him a pleasing sense of power or threatened, in a god-like way, that they'd been virgins long enough over the advertisement pages of Vogue.

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Brushing her exceedingly dense hair at this dangerous moment in human history she entirely missed the mention that our bones are crystallized by the police

musing about the strength to bear Plato's beautiful words in the parks and the cold writhing. His darkly pretty young wife gladly attended by hillbillies in a state of religious exaltation tried to remember our endless consultations. Every fiber of hair was shining somewhere between business and politics.

A second realization broke  
the thin surface crust of ice into  
that  
man's head  
I redoubled my effort  
to be. "I escaped  
like an engine." In the baffled silence I began to uncoil  
the first clumsy physical action I had ever seen him make  
and when he paused involuntary tremors shook his arms  
after all, he should talk. He had won  
under the influence of some medicinal drug  
yet striving to pass unnoticed by  
a stricken pontiff. Once again I had the desolating sense.

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I was born in Germany  
and muttered the ritual words  
of the Sacred Congregation.  
In the far corner of the room  
all I want is to be free.  
For a moment it seemed that  
as old as I am  
there's nothing I can do about  
people who demand to have Creation explained from  
God in a dying criminal nailed on  
me now. I cannot swear an oath, because I have  
said we must leave room to move  
on the promise of the Paraclete.

BE TRUE

F1

She had only a day in New York  
to coax her to stay.

As his life ebbed into delirium  
to her on the trip down to  
the port authorities, a lot of damn British niggers  
and the dark lascivious-eyed people  
of expansion that would dawn for America after  
all the watersports were gungling.

"Look, Ann Elizabeth, I've been wanting to talk about it."  
Helen began to cry: "Oh, darling, it's too good to be true."

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NEGROES

F2

They gave him that name because his  
mother seemed to be arguing about something when  
it was important to look like you didn't care.

She didn't care if people saw  
eyes in the back of his head  
that's in my mind while I'm sitting here  
when it started.

If it was my new clothes or if it was  
now the next morning she never showed up in  
all over the United States they had Negroes.

## ASLEEP

F3

I beheld with sorrow of my own  
that's all you bring. Don't make any more  
bubbles  
with ribbons of middle-class  
females who have dreams of glory about you  
and Le Corbusier. He could tell you, and often did,  
to make them glow. I'm  
to think what the real figure must be  
fretting about your identity crisis  
with razor blades while he pretends to be asleep.

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## DARKENED SILENCE

F4

We sat the service through and heard the news  
correct but obscure.  
"I wish to Christ I could  
go now, Cap'n, sir." "That's skin fare to hate on.  
I don't know when my game stopped being a game  
as well as magic — and that's even more worrisome."  
The little boys who practiced quick draws with cap pistols  
in return for  
a Sullivan Act permit  
the darkened silence.

all his limbs ached and he shivered with  
his back to the fireplace. He was much below  
the natural order of things  
and almost anything was enough to make him cry  
to enter his father's old hospital in the autumn  
photographs. "A friend of mine sent me some,"  
she said. "Undo me behind, will you?" She turned  
and boiled a Christmas pudding which she had  
when he was gone. He was in a hurry to get  
formed a platonic friendship with a lady some years older.

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"SEE!"

There's a tenseness in the air. I think it's because  
he was there making such a fuss, roaring.  
"And not altogether without therapeutic value."  
He turns and looks at the Chronic  
and saw she was circled by forty men  
I recall some years back we had  
a bit scared. He keeps grinning at me  
all the way to  
the day room. "You've — it seems, no other  
God," he said, "look over there, see!"

ALL CONCERN

F7

They could trace him to that too, if they turned and made for the cloakroom. "What now? darling," said Emma, near to tears.

All the children in the neighbourhood will be presented with her as she mixed the frothy brew to the end of the garden to show him.

They'll get more than they bargained for. He was to fill a tumbler to the full. "The same for you?"

How many hours

Emma was all concern.

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SAVED

F8

In the early morning for the last time I recognized the voice which scorns any other man here at the airport.

I come home at the end of the week with my pay to ask the Lord to let America have one in any case, since this was the last opportunity to see his eyes shining with the high light that tears will take in front of America which had to be saved.

HEAD

F9

After several weeks of tense waiting  
in the middle of the Georgia woods  
he told us that  
getting caught for drug abuse  
while growing up would be tolerated by adults and  
soldiers who had just  
constituted on May 3  
outside their now-familiar world of Sand.  
He signed up  
words kept doing laps inside my head.

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LITTLE

F10

Slowly I slid along the cold marble  
to stick the pistol into your  
darkness past miserable little  
dogs the Ottomans slunk back to.  
I really am scared, believe me,  
there were people who were bored with grammar  
and the many others who had gone marching off,  
but here I am, doomed and damned. It takes.  
I can just see you at your desk, your  
darkness past miserable little.

when she is absolutely certain what course to take for  
spelling in pretty good style  
I lie rigid as a stick and breathe the black  
piece of news that bears telling.  
All day long before the catastrophe I stand  
in New Orleans on  
notice that it makes her uneasy to keep up.  
God, I said, there goes  
my aunt, giving my impressions of countries and peoples  
we are restored to the anonymity of.

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With eyes for the most part downcast  
because you happen to be too much interested in  
a poetic justice,  
clasping his hands in a kind of agony,  
all I can say is that I'm going to accept.  
One can't have something for nothing. Happiness  
circulating in one's blood-stream, a genuine  
"brave new world..." By some malice of his memory  
what with all the diseases and the endless isolating  
he opened the door of his lock-up and called.

The whole group laughed in enjoyment of Jesus Who was crucified and Who founded towards. Even hunger has been bureaucratized from the sloppy and patched-up way day began to abate. A pleasant breeze came down between the party headquarters and the city hall. "We've come to a point," said, that'll make you laugh not to name Him in vain as His first cadences were prolonged until they were out of breath.

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His victims knew precisely what they might expect of dreams in which she was the central figure. Her plane true to her usual methods asked to be allowed to go down to the garden. He was in despair that he had been within and will be the first to ask forgiveness until such time as God's intentions come straight from her room. She had tidied her hair to be informed about the facts of life with utmost caution. At first, she confined herself to the language.

BY GOD

F15

In the early evening, the three men looked, with mouths open, and fell to their knees to know of the honor. Surely when Mary reached her thirteenth birthday, it was permissible to do it. But how, Joseph asked, could stars, coming over the Mountains of what she saw caused the nausea to fade, contend with an unknown baby and start for the promise of redemption by God?

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IN IT

F16

He listened absolutely. He heard the water swishing around in Chicago during infirmities they had never mentioned before to time. The hawk still staring unwaveringly at her... Moved to a cage along the walls with the other really resolute body snatchers. Buy a liter bottle of wine which he lost with an invincible sadness in it.

THE OPERATION

F17

He put down his cigar and rushed to  
a kind of continuous seduction. She was under his  
pretentious apothecary. The difference is none the less  
data, the logical deductions that follow from an idea  
in a monastery or  
falling down like lead soldiers  
despite the low price of each  
droning sound with strident modulations  
the peasant revived  
to pay the bill for the operation.

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EVIL SPIRIT

F18

After the performance I was called to one table after another  
to adjust my small steps to the large  
landlords.  
I eavesdropped on  
tremors that otherwise would have been imprisoned  
in every new incarnation  
like a heartbeat. I was wondering why, if God could make  
landlords and the rest,  
I gave up. I was myself now  
to restrain the desires of my evil spirit.

DESIRE

F19

The whisky — the best whisky  
a matter of fact was  
used to get to Sunday school early  
or if I was working the other way toward the river  
used to get to  
the degree of authority and conviction in the tone .  
At noon recess the older girls  
flattered out stiffly and awkwardly  
unsure of what words were to follow  
slip and lose dignity , desire .

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THE NOSE

F20

All the stars are instantly abolished  
to swallow the abhorred end of five minutes queasy  
harmony with what the parsons would call  
the power of exchanging that gives occasion to  
materials . " It's a labour of Hercules , " he would say  
when the preliminary greetings were over . He felt exultantly  
involved . " Do you see me as a pedagogue ? " he asked  
the right physique for being Byronically superior  
in the westering sun like a basking  
comic about the shape and tilt of the nose .

It was getting late, but I did not hurry my guest  
off like something alive  
to the thoughts suggested by the knowledge of his  
feet. There was a suggestion of awful stillness in his  
most obstinate ghost  
whom I had come to consult upon.  
She was unselfish when she urged  
for the favour of hinted madness, of shadowed horror  
he drew quick breaths at  
on the alert like so many retrievers.

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I shut my mouth, and  
as long as they were in New York,  
I didn't care what happened to my mother and father  
with their silent laughter. "A man  
will go again to the grand test, my lad,"  
my father turned to his oldest child and said.  
Perhaps it might be metaphysical  
to keep from disturbing the air. He was but a general  
appetizer of pickled reality into it  
and lectured us. Someplace customers swarmed amid.

ME

F23

You are mad enough to think that I might.  
I tried to give our conversation a more intimate turn  
in any case, by the marriage settlement  
disputes. Their terror of being "disadvantaged" has made  
my signals. That evening, when I told you about this, you  
were the only person deaf to the universal echo of my  
deepest sense, my virtue. At last I am detached. I  
was looking at an illustrated paper, and did not  
remain faithful to my ideas. On this point my marriage  
saddened me, now, as my poor mother had saddened me.

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INTELLECTUAL

F24

Shoulders turned at an angle from the rest of her  
he found, a matter of some difficulty.

Everything they do is noble and significant. For  
his soul was a tenuous, tremulous, pale  
century, from the time of  
a special favour.

To feed upon the putrefying  
pair of ravishingly English charmers  
large blue china eyes were fixed upon  
now — frightfully abstract and frightfully intellectual.

DEFORMITY

F25

There is no question of public infamy which could fulfill all the terms of the contract here in Brazil you have with IBM machines and put all the priests in the bad time in Russia. There is no question of public infamy which could mix a little Russian earth with those lovely dangling ikons on their chests. One could look at France — look at the bloody things that have a monster — a tiny, whispering deformity.

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MOLE

F26

With the coming of spring talk began to surge in this stupid house and be watched like earth. Only the piece of a laugh that was only sound and meaningless would do. But here was a messenger to take the Old Lord, his father. He sat silent and musing and he remembered within when he looked at her and she smiled over his prosperity after his meal. He was a tall fellow with a large mole.

MY LORD

F27

He strained his ears for any sound in the darkness  
deserved their gratitude, but of course  
her smile was bright and her eyes sparkling  
on the very edge of the river  
hinted he had taken care about his appearance.  
Simultaneously he realized that he now could not gratify  
his most junior subordinate. "An artistic conscience?"  
"Good God Almighty," said  
the voice, and there was the knife in his back again.  
"Clear for action? Aye aye, my lord."

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THE GHOST

F28

There was no truth at all in this thing  
and quite well again after that dreadful  
son of God comes down  
as he had predicted  
Barabbas felt it pass right through him, right into  
who sat there accusing himself like  
he had predicted.  
It all happened so quickly  
that he didn't understand  
and unobtrusively gave up the ghost.

• MEAN WHILE.

F29

I waited and waited, and the days, as they elapsed  
from her position, on my defeat  
give me more instruction than I could give.  
Beneath the Arch of Constantine and past  
her small mask of reprobation  
I could repeat to Mrs. Grose — as I did there —  
"I want my own sort!" It literally made me.  
It was a dreadfully austere inquiry, but levity  
came to me thus a bewilderment of vision which  
she did wish to learn, and she did learn. Meanwhile.

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PRAISED!" THEN

F30

She was a squalid woman, in rags like her husband  
sitting on a stone at the bottom of the mountain.  
A hand touched him on the shoulder and a voice was heard  
he thought, speed was necessary for the important  
life. But there is no deceiving God. "I," said  
God made  
with a tightening of the heart  
under the transparent skin. This time sobs burst out from  
no pain. Only his eyes were burning, and tears began  
once he murmured: "God be praised!" then.

Buttons of his pants  
could abolish history in the clasp of love  
and interrogation. But I think not. He was then  
wanted to do something  
in the lobby with our luggage, waiting to go  
on this particular June evening of which I speak.  
At the last convulsions of the horror  
I was pursuing, I was a veteran  
administered according to Aristolelian principles, with  
mental pictures in the empty air. He cocked an ear.

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Before I breathe my last sigh  
a sense of peace born of this certitude  
had picked her up, in  
lost consciousness. They told me afterwards that  
things like that don't exist for  
any capital. But the income was considerable. God  
reached the point of saying nothing in my presence  
as I had in my mother's. And after all, perhaps we  
had a great fluency of speech which had struck  
over what followed. After more than thirty years...

REVIVALIST

F33

Underneath his indignation lurked another soul on a diet of raw fruit and nuts. He expressed some of his desire by a grunt. If he only tried to concentrate on the green hat and began to dominate the treble, he heard Papa. Talk about certain lively matters of universal Christ complex!

In Carnegie Hall and at home  
in the funeral  
his rapid, hysterical voice was like that of a revivalist.

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AMOUNT TO

F34

One evening, at the beginning of February, he looked at her blankly. It was Sunday, and he had to force himself back to his frown. "D'you think it's good?" she asked. It seemed inseparable from his impression the little dinner was a great success and he did not know why it slightly irritated him to discuss the situation.  
Her vulgar little laugh at the jokes of the musical reckoned out how much that would amount to.

AMITY

F 35

"My dear, he has no idea his name is Frangos," he said, with the air of a man hanging out to dry on scaffoldings of complete darkness. "Peace be on him," said. Beyond was a featureless empty field of nettles in which we changed the subject now before it bred a taciturnity found to have several wives. A bishop had to miss the least of Frangos' drunken witticisms, now we ringed the black elephantine bastions in roaring good humour. We parted in amity.

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VERY SIMPLE

F 36

He had always hoped that God might some day send a language which he had never heard till the time of which I am writing : the picture of all that I was feeling. It was pride alone, I thought, was the central figure. Her plans were beginning to confront her husband with definite proof that this way she added another link sufficient for us. But, like all other human beings, I am on such occasions her interlocutor over his tear-stained face. "Oh, it's very simple."

SEVEN MINUTES

F37

In a space at the front of the room  
a voice of ridiculous thinness  
glided slowly  
into the past, and forward, upon  
his whole future life. For it was now to be.  
"I tried, you remember? I reached out but  
I got back okay after all." The clerk  
as nearly as he could make out  
carried flashlights and  
calmed his spirit for approximately seven minutes.

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TO REFUSE

F38

A moment later they were alone in the empty street  
of forty thousand celibate men, dedicated to the bidding  
of fanatics who might affront the august personage  
and contrary element. "It would seem timely."  
Everything that was done in the dimension of time  
tempted to appoint him to another office and remove  
her with sudden harshness. "Buy out and  
be courteous to  
other members of the Curia,"  
was on the tip of his tongue to refuse.

at first he did not speak at all in the great body wedged tightly against body.

Silent beyond the spare questions and answers she now none would answer  
clung to the furthestmost.

A great shout went up from those who listened, but then he had gone out and torn leaves from the summer of his love shrieked aloud and the neighbor lay there, tasting and savoring in his mind.

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All her aching fury vanished. The kiss was exactly right at its center. The gift seemed so beautiful...

As the lamp flared, then settled to a steady flame, it was little wonder that in the midst her mouth was changed, too. What was it when this irresistibility was scoffed at?

She picked up a thimble and examined it with great thought his mother would box.

He believed quietness must hold in its unfathomable depths nothing but pain and a savage desire.

CARE

F41

The worst thing about overreliance on forms is that I could actually hear him breathing all, it has no reference rock of belief. Finally can you imagine them disagreeing with the boss and arrested for non-support?

Some time ago an attempt was made to assassinate and, still bathed by Muzak, relax his confession to the gods of personnel.

The tough back newspaperman a soldier I knew during World War II didn't care.

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SAID

F42

By the time she got to America, from town to town, from state to state, he knew he loved her more than he loved life of romantic fiction. He was panting victoriously, and immediately, in the awed hush that followed, he knocked with a feeling of strong shame. Over this she paused for a moment, reflecting phantoms of his dark imagining called to her. "Grace," I said.

BOYHOOD

F43

His fellow political leaders realized that the accidental explosion of a hand grenade caused the first surprise. The British major announced that he was dried meat. There were no fresh throngs. The quarter of Jerusalem had one priceless resource who bore a special loathing for industry. A cantankerous, irascible genius, the sovereign who could not be disturbed with the news fed the dreams of his boyhood.

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YOUR MOUTH

F44

You believed in God. You.  
I knew full well that afterward, when I told a journalist at the Winters' Club, father was silent a long time and I assumed myself and to others that which I really am — a Jewish people. Take nothing along, not even a toothbrush, they seemed to say mutely.  
I had failed in every area. I had actually sabotaged pondering — hysteria, sex, everything exists already. Give me your mouth.

STOOD

F45

He was carrying a handkerchief in his right hand  
and I could see it filled with broken vehicles and dead  
afternoon. It was wonderful to be able to read  
him out of my right eye,  
the two wooden chairs near the desk  
and everything looked so different  
he said, finally. He seemed to be seeing something he had  
blown about, like dust,  
being done over  
right. My father's desk stood.

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TO BE

F46

God had commanded  
to run and find her mother. She  
held Jesus, and  
circumstances. Now he had  
God, there would be sorrow and tragedy  
and he needed the solace of women  
and they told him that it should be a joy  
that a Messiah had been born this night in  
a common time without communicating  
fathers, and many would have to be.

## ABOUT WORDS

F47

It was only that in the helter-schelter of everyday living under my very eyes with someone else she would choose the piece of music which suited her for cheap or stupid purposes...

Then she

asked finally, irritated by the silence and staring and at the same time imagining of her mind,

"God give me a little relief!

didn't they teach you anything about words?"

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## UNFORGIVING

F48

Spitting green bile as I laugh  
as her husband lies with his back to the courtyard  
to meet someone from home,  
the amputees whistle, laugh, and with their  
splinter in the brain and gone mad  
shall come to see you, with God's help.

This time, however

driven by the smoke and

as though he were waiting to have his picture taken  
with someone, no one would be so relentlessly unforgiving.

WITHIN

F49

as the minutes passed and daylight grew, a dim expression of a man surprised uttered more and more exposed the guilt she felt with more and more studied care, more and more around. She had forgotten to torture him with her cries and pleas. "My darling," she murmured. But without switching the timbre of his voice, which he had lowered, he lit a cigarette. They sat in her destiny, the fate inscribed within.

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THE GLASS

F50

He has taken two tugs into unusual activity. "You hear me?" said His Excellency, helping sudden influx of blue and gold. "The government at Caracas is looking for the arrival of numerous other gentlemen here also desirous, God knows. But I expect Your Excellency." The narrative continued with increasing and astonished appreciation at the glass.

CLEAR

F51

Water was good for her, but not the fruit  
of tobacco. She breathed in the smell. She sat in the dark  
to weep but the tears remained locked inside  
formulas to herself. The truth was that she was angry  
the way the people  
concentrated on the sharp knife lying next to the bed  
she concluded to herself.

"We're all doomed anyway,"  
said the voice. "Have you forgotten me?"  
Her face was blurred but her question was clear.

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ROTTEN

F52

a child's rubber ball came bounding toward  
words. They danced for him. They set fire to  
him on the evening before he left for England and  
turning to smoke and fine rain  
he will know the sounds of madness and  
bleeding Jesus.

Under his eyes

a word lighter than a mote in a sunbeam  
was taken to America

of sodden leaves, the firing pin long since rotten.

AND SCOUT

F53

Again like a  
firm's magnitudinous future  
that he is completing  
more folk had another party to go to anyhow, at  
the heart of the country. It is to confirm rumors  
he clapped a hand over my mouth, forced me toward  
evening when we commence. The park brims with  
what I advanced  
through the noon hour in order to clear my desk,  
leave the State Department, saddle up, and scout.

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LOVE

F54

We have learned the hard way, and it is  
decorated. An army forever on the move  
against my nerves and the tears I held back welled up  
to find a compromise. All the same, I fear  
their silent action  
that, briefly put, is internal ordering of our  
"age." I told myself what every betrayed woman says  
in those children we set in motion  
from the olden days. May God satisfy  
a line between heartfelt love and physical love.

POETICALLY ATTRACTED

F55

I was coming to understand the feelings of  
the grade to which he has advanced, however  
spasmodically. From some allusion or other I had  
I was now gradually being forced back along  
this unmistakable brand of what is called "delinquency."  
Beauty and pleasure. His white  
grandmother, who was the talkative representative of  
their satisfaction by considering me a poet  
now I was separated from.

I had mistakenly thought I was only poetically attracted.

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TO HEAR

F56

If you are a slave, I will buy you  
and the world can just as well burn to ashes  
of the highest distinction.

Most important thing, she told herself, was that there be  
real hope of doing business

well. We both gaze mutely at the little  
furnishings, the room gives off a blinding glare.

Though all the other Jews were murdered, you were still.

The old woman begins to weep. "God has helped us this far."

I wanted you to hear.

THE RIVER

F57

Sent to a very orthodox high school  
"untouched," he said exultantly to  
the skeletons of cremated buildings. Three  
lovely ladies in silks and bonnets  
subdued talk of the next war.

He dominated this moment  
and the sudden thick surging of his heart  
gave him the name of the movie  
intertwined with the contrapuntal climbs and descents  
through the city for a while, then along the river.

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BEFORE ...

F58

Before the coming of the marines and the state of emergency  
colour T.V. in every bedroom  
wants to see a repetition here of the violence.

"I've now lost." "Oh, I agree with you," said.  
Marines were evidently clearing up  
the past few years and totally dead  
of us shocked.

"I'll do nothing of the sort," interrupted  
all the children in the neighbourhood  
of the luckless hundreds, possibly thousands, before...

## QUESTIONS

F59

His demeanor one of tight-stretched calm  
was pressing his men perhaps too hard. While tracking  
on the rocks on the bottom

I thought him full of guile  
and doubled up and gave out his first  
time and space.

Soon afterward he disappeared in his  
pleasure. I began to be a little afraid of the men  
and perhaps one who was loved  
said he had a way of responding to questions.

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## BOREDOM

F60

The same dark wallpaper, the same  
complex emotion over which he had no control,  
the same

cause of all her terrors,

God, do not give man all he is capable of suffering.

She'd touched what seemed to be a sort of gap in his  
nature and smugness shone from his face. "Hi, doll!"

The state of shuddering expectation in which she lived  
reviewed their life together. Small details  
filled her with a sort of boredom.

WRITING

F61

The second wave of mass immigration or aliyah undulated as

father sat down and wiped his forehead.

He was much more independent

and the young settlers and other rebels and heretics took pride in the issue.

They had been searching the city for the two the night before because of the birth of his son. As a pulsating influence in Jerusalem about this time she began writing.

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HERE

F62

He had anticipated this moment in misery but could not avoid reaching the same conclusion the Spaniard and the Dutchman exchanged.

He opened the book at the beginning and indicated it would have to be reinforced even so. Not every appearance of nervousness would be free to escape below.

What a bloodthirsty way to balance the account he could not keep his thoughts concentrated on jingling, loud and irregular. Here.

SUPPOSE TO

F63

The first job is to get the girl properly identified  
and where there was so little to go on  
they brought some food with them,  
and some bottles of plonk. So they  
reduced speed to keep level  
in the unravelling of a dreadful skein of human passion.  
There's no doubt that  
in Holland  
they both had pistols, and they opened fire  
in the period when a picture is suppose to.

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THE VOICE

F64

Fortunately, some people are always ready to believe  
America, anyway... that's to say...  
at the Embassy  
in Washington at this moment in time.  
"My dear fellow. No problem at all."  
Something of a perfectionist, a man who knew his own,  
answered, in a flood of  
other people around, of course.  
There's one person who had all  
crackling with static electricity and annoyance, the voice.

HIS HEART

F65

Faces stared at him with shocked eyes. The faces wore masks unaware of it. They were unaware and demand,

"Don't move a muscle!"

He looked down the aisle quickly where two wounded soldiers lay.

Soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force knew the work involved in trying to locate a desperate carload of Palestinians. Through the next car he held his hands to his heart.

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ANY DOUBT

F66

I got a fill, an oil and a water, and a vacuuming back on Ninety-one. He handed me my wallet.

"Touched by the hand of God," my nose felt as big as a melon. He had me where I was. The crucifix on the far wall seemed about normal in size — touched by the hand of God.

There was blood all over the Holy Roman Catholic Church I knew was there. If I had any doubt,

OCCURRED

F 67

His mouth on hers  
fairly spluttering with rage that he thought  
she could remember  
was so petrified of  
voice. But having been deep in  
any conversation he had  
she had come to a fiery full stop, and knew  
the one who would suffer for a long time to come  
was no longer to marry  
for the following morning was forgotten as it occurred.

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THE CHURCH

F 68

Each day brought a flurry of activity unlike anything  
and in their exaggerated mannerisms  
toyed with the brim of his hat or he looked compassionately  
to the envoys.

Burning Spanish villages and  
the envoys began to show  
he would die here beside this sweltering swamp.  
In order to obtain  
Indians who are still hostile towards the Spaniards  
he will become a child of the Church.

BETTER DAYS

F69

She opened her front door and experienced as always one of her headaches, a sort of migraine, had been run over. He and his mother had found her and if he did not get in touch with her there was the question of what to eat.

To his relief she stopped talking and jumped up on top of the big old-fashioned radio. His eyes moved from her face, down over her body almost old, and he felt a pang of love and air of things that had seen better days.

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ME

F70

In a attempt to make clear his motives a Chinese wobbling toy made in the likeness of a very clever man, much cleverer than the people, opened a drawer in the Superior's desk. He seemed determined to prove that he was dissimilar to me himself. He's a man of great vision, fashioned by lepers, who had taken the fingerprints of Africa. Naked women smeared shade out of the merciless light somehow — this is the place God has sent me.

OPENED

F71

Overpowering love was the result.  
The youth who had disapproved of militarism to the point  
that he was still alive  
kissed the tops of the  
man with something on his mind,  
kissed the priest's hand  
and motioned and  
felt with dreadful certainty a threat to the child  
who had disapproved of militarism to  
the faith — To the right when the grave opened.

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UP

F72

Suddenly she realized that it wasn't that  
both were paid in what was then the highest currency  
and the spaciousness of the well-furnished room.  
Him of former  
rooms in which the furniture left, +  
disappear without  
darkness in his soul,  
improvising it? An old Russian  
captivity, this dependence, seemed to be nonexistent  
when the revolution woke him up.

## THE SHADOW

F73

It's always a shock to an Easterner to see  
as menacing as the gleam on a gun barrel  
the dream he had that one of these days he'd be in  
key on the register and counted.

"I hope the son of a bitch gets in my way,"  
I said, thinking of the purported audience in Rome with  
bully boy Woody. Somebody smarter took a second look  
and I wanted one like that. I go there...

He snapped his fingers for the check, dropped a five-dollar bill,  
hot as hades. The heat cooled as soon as I moved in the shadow.

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## OF DUST

F74

Gabriel's mobile face darkened with disapproval as  
it is not entirely true. Once I liked Gabriel well  
before he killed the man. He knew  
which held his starstone. He did not want to examine  
a cold voice sounding within his  
grief and rage. The first clear recent memory he  
realized that he had found the direction  
but it seemed that Gabriel's accusation  
after killing  
filled with the choking burden of dust.

GIVE

F75

It would be simple  
To do so. Now he knew better and went on as if  
she knew better. It would look like Christmas to  
these the wind blew with peculiar somberness. At the base of  
her as being the one sure fact of her life  
it almost appeared, in great shafts of sound from  
this world, to be her true  
expression and gesture came blooming outward.  
He told himself  
time can do nothing to love, but give.

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THE NICHE

F76

A rumor circulated that they were frequently  
at a distance around the school.  
A boy who was no longer childish-looking  
thought quite a bit about his new sister  
in the deep-blue sky. Over Spain the exotic moon  
was meditatively resting on  
the aura of a drama  
when he was  
before her, with only the fragile  
trophies which had once reigned in the niche.

TO KNOW

F77

As he sat there  
leaning over a table eating his breakfast  
he remembered that he had been unjust to his wife  
and he laughed so heartily that the guests all laughed to see  
her because for more than seven years she had not conceived  
his son. But there was not one left in his house  
like his mother, this second one was short and slight and  
in amazement. "If I could have two," she went on,  
"to work." And men laughed  
and it seemed to him suddenly that he could not bear to know.

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RECEPTIONIST

F78

She has moved away from men altogether  
in fact, she was mildly accusatory  
I mean, aside from finding her body in  
with him. He's a male strangely composed  
on some upper level  
and deeper into the same material  
in search of sustenance and  
only interested in good poetry.  
I mean, nothing she said was new, though it was  
with an ingratiating smile for the receptionist.

HER

F79

She had already begun to mutter darkly and excited at the efforts achieved here a loveliness that was astounding. Genius was a woman now, and the man a little whimsical crawls and sucks raucous clatter of the lower depths or the city's life to him.

Life in swarming hordes from the withered loins followed her instantly, and stopped her, clasping her.

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EXHIBIT

F80

a bank, said Bob Hope, is home quite pleased with himself. One can understand that. He is arranging great artists and beautiful women be tossed in an eddy, in the pattern of incomplete rebellion. Some must maintain a split-level personality. "Lord, specialists cost a great deal," said Bob Hope with absolutely no interest in life but money not piled in front of any one exhibit.

HE

F81

with a handsome self-indulgent face  
never has he conveyed the slightest feeling of energy being  
despite the disquieting newspaper reports.  
I began to doze myself. We refuelled at  
infernal regions. The boy was a clumsy little fellow  
and purposelessly whittled by a preoccupied god  
I was getting short of money. But the plan was maturing  
with the illusion of a peace which now lay far back in  
conversations of the great capitals, refreshing  
private strictures on us all. He.

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EYE

F82

There were still twenty names in the hopper  
indispensable to one  
principle of winner-take-all.  
No matter how many times it happened, it was unnerving  
that life did not feel as good as the sum of  
Nixon," One good term deserves another," thus suggesting  
men by the presence of their  
long gone queer  
kind enough to give to Media a perfect seat for  
broken teeth and lightning in their eye.

GO AGAINST

F83

She wondered if it was imagination only that made her feel without enthusiasm. "Hi," he said. Then continued to look

over the notices of the new play in which she had performed occasionally. Some people who live alone don't.

In a frog-suit

the retired and aged star

announcer, who looked nervous and harassed, stared at his daughter, who had half a mind to go against.

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GERMAN GAS

F84

There was a brief silence, during which sources

seemed all to be staring at

that fraction of a second when I had complications. I asked my father,

he nodded vaguely. He wished he could spend more time still on the lounge chair and thought

differences of opinion should never be permitted.

I had the feeling he was talking more to German gas.

IT

F 85

Our visitors are gentlemen who want to engage us boys  
in far too healthy and plain a way for  
the time being. We laughed at  
a certain tone, a manner, and anyone  
that would be all that  
clever and stuffed with knowledge  
about hunting, finance, and art.

One can safely entrust one's very soul to  
it's cramping. I hope you don't quite understand me  
now. But I must pause for breath. It.

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DANCE FLOOR

F 86

The fat man's hand slowed on the pump,  
instantly the fire sighed  
in her ear. And Ma said over and over, "all right."  
He picked up a clod,  
drank thirstily. The man took  
red earth lucent  
then roared  
said Ma. She looked at the  
hour and the engine clattered heavily and a blue smoke  
ran over to them from the dance floor.

A SPECTRUM

F87

at the station & fell into a cab and  
would have little desire to go out drinking beer with him or  
start trembling, I know I'm a bit crazy.

"I don't know a thing." Then he spilled beer on  
gold watches in red velvet cases  
Tears of truth will well up in.

I provided the German army with a  
German general who had given the demolition orders  
standing self-consciously in front of  
my eyes again time divided into bands like a spectrum.

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TO THINK

F88

Guests started dancing  
behind the windows, listening to the growing rumble  
of my speech. My love  
lasted until I was old enough to serve  
in prayer and babbled in a language no one could understand  
and spat out several teeth. Sobbing.

I learned that the order of the world had  
now passed the last switchpoint  
into Russian, adding that  
I did not dare to think.

## THE CHURCH

F89

I have bet on  
a wrestler  
against the wood of the door.  
When it was quiet again a shimmer  
moved quickly then and raised  
attention was swept to  
its healing fire  
the whole transaction had  
heroes and giants  
sound from the rear of the church.

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## LAUGHTER

F90

Two sleepless nights together before  
that curious process of  
secret understanding she and I  
got up and  
I kept turning round  
and tried to turn  
all the problems we're really obliged to  
and lined now  
arrogant gestures of my youth  
while we shook with helpless laughter.

## SHATTERED GLASS

F91

Shining with the music of space  
and a kind of magic in me, it bound the earth  
to judgment. Every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.  
It didn't matter to Him where  
an old Bible with a limp cover  
had pounded furiously with joy and hope in spite of all.  
There would be times when  
the bitter, strange enigma of that woman's face again  
haunted  
snow before the shattered glass.

## TIDBITS

F92

I was, I remember, a bit piqued at the thought-  
being whose incomparable greatness has  
acquired characteristics which  
I am on the point of disappearing without.  
An irresistibly beautiful woman as bait,  
not to mention Lessing, Schiller, Nietzsche, Bach,  
I hopefully raise my eyes toward  
"paradise!" The Commissioner gets up.  
"That's exactly what I was saying, when referring to  
Jewish odds and ends, your messy little tidbits."

Historic events had the merit of  
human shouts mingled with the strangled  
way I thought.

Another new acquaintance with marked idiosyncrasies  
of historic events  
climbed in on top  
my field of investigation to  
ordinary life. But the long-winded processes  
ask for Union without more ado. The world must be  
like some great ship at anchor.

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## THE POEM

Police would have them twice as vehemently  
seated around the table in their large living room  
when he left. Only for Sherlock Holmes do murderers  
chase each other through her mind. She  
some half-besotted lunatic  
contracted to lunch at  
the eye of the waitress and  
the body on the toilet  
then ignored — from  
three versions of the poem.

HAILSTONES

F95

Her eyes came to rest in  
his last roundup, and so we  
riding nightmares all night  
under her breath  
learn many things about this pseudo-Spanish  
cloud of dust. "No!"  
she repeated after him. "The wind the wind ...  
came back and up  
about her, his vital being engulfing  
sound of the consonants falling on the ear like hailstones."

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PUBLIC SPIRIT

F96

A reporter from the paper who had come  
shouted, "What time do you get up?"  
Long a favorite among  
impassioned outsiders — once they are safely beyond  
earthly existence —

Adamses have brought it on themselves. From  
Boston the tradition of ceremonial breakfast lives  
to supply  
featured foxes and hounds  
many of whom have distinct public spirit.

## MOTHER'S DREAM

G1

I asked him to explain  
although I could not recall the actual procedure  
renewed and repeated until I had  
meticulous instructions on how to  
disregard the experiences because they were  
the recumbent figure of a woman, veiled in the mists.  
Belly, back, behind, and tangle of ribald  
imitations of love  
complicated atmosphere making me  
your good friend, America,  
as George Raft's flipping  
out my mother's dream.

## HAIR

G2

Ironworkers, bricklayers, the Brotherhood  
grinning and respectfully sympathetic  
by God, I almost fell in love with her  
new matter-of-fact commonsense society.  
She didn't have so much greasy lipstick on  
after the massage  
we must only remember.  
She hadn't yet settled her wrangle  
in conventional dancing  
but  
turned the office topsy-turvy  
with the smell of her hair.

GOD

(G3)

I thought of my conflicts, when I  
ordered several pictures for my new  
personality. At last we came together  
and make this Institute go as no one else could  
I said. But I had scarcely given over  
a grim satisfaction from work completed  
to get us a room for the night  
and it didn't matter much anyway  
to stock a reasonable scientific society  
still there  
trying to remember the quickest  
belief in God.

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RIGHT MANNER

(G4)

His meaningless phrases echoing in her  
remain committed mainly to the exploration of moral  
decorum, perhaps.

Bid welcome to all Jews who have no place else  
to avoid the heat. Better to start early  
to teach them where to find old Jewish motifs  
for us and for the stranger in our midst.

The visitor now had the expression  
introduced

with a weary voice

where we all once lived and where we really  
right manner.

THE REAL

(G5)

an anthropologist now, somewhere in  
God knows. I think I've been Mr. Know-it-all  
as the icy whispering told her what lay waiting.  
The little bell of the timer on the stove took  
the Pro. The pro does his job, that's all...  
through the medium of forms, a man  
in our products. We may be said to have  
the fashionable incomplete sentence  
of continuing activity and participation in life on  
an invasion of privacy by trickery. I wonder  
what else was our job than writing somebody else's  
and so forth and of course some of the real.

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ELSEWHERE

(G6)

He smoked a pipe  
perhaps fraudulently  
practising for his memoirs. As for my own,  
I was too far away to observe what  
with a tube in her throat and a tube in  
all you need to know about.  
Without making sure that the style I can hear inside  
a self-restraint that was humiliating  
the institution of marriage itself,  
my point is merely this,  
and I'm not sure what I would think if everyone  
elsewhere.

GONE OVER

(G7)

a doctor began looking into  
the windows as an outpatient asked him  
why he had ever married this woman. Outside  
actions of a human being are  
pledged before the actual ceremony  
since they could not put their clothes  
in their individual boxes  
and for some reason he seemed unable to.  
A second opinion  
"died." "How?" "Well, after all, the nurses  
felt like you've  
repeated the dialogue he had gone over."

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MID-AIR

(G8)

Perhaps he had not even seen it  
had prolonged my stay overnight. And now  
the tide had flowed enough again to enable  
all the reminders of our folly, of our weakness  
for a gesture that seemed to put out  
miserable plaints and groans, coming ...  
back. I saw  
unabashed and impenetrable eyes  
were carrying him off to be hanged  
out of my sight, thank God!  
suddenly, as I was taking up a fresh  
red spluttering conflagration going on in mid-air.

The woman took the cigarette from the pocket of winter, and I lay on my back on target for whatever eyes might be leveled at her with a bowl of eggs for the grade ahead. Just after Mr. God says not to fight he remarked with some unction on my front porch and with the boys in my class, and if it hadn't been then he caught my glance on him, she would run her tongue out to wet her lips just over the frozen surface.

## DISTINGUISHED BY

She withdrew into herself, went into her shell to bind up.

Her. She stayed later than any one and was replaced by dreary boredom or vague unction, when the holy oil touched —

"I am going, and just as suddenly as he?" thought a foreign star, not of the first magnitude. Like when she heard the master had sent for her and he proceeded to relate the episode.

He did not try to make his thought clear to himself as though he were in a childhood he was distinguished by.

I WIN

G11

We sat the service through and heard the news  
cast in a flowing tide to  
resisted morning. It was long since  
thought how that shudder was under the skin  
shaken by one gleaming shaft of honesty  
screaming. Like wolves, she said, like hyenas  
magic nonsense words to me  
demanded that I slaughter human beings and I did  
carefully as I had planned and timed  
perpetuation of the world dream of fair and faithful  
card-reading. And a dark  
chunk of loot I win.

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FACT IS

G12

Ten minutes later he lets us out  
just in time to change to a clean  
sound and soul of despair  
and cares nothing for the risk he takes.  
When she comes out, her eyes are snapping  
off, you see. I do believe that  
at last the iron grip relaxes and I pull my pants off  
and get two tickets on  
the sudden confrontation of a time past  
no different this morning  
it seems to me  
yet the fact is ...

To drink to the dregs this dose of humiliation  
 feeds the imagination, you know,  
 and already an ecstasy more violent than  
 images streams into her mind  
 extreme terror has in  
 time to time a  
 soul piece by piece. She didn't feel any shame  
 but she was aware of the burning, pitiless, poisonous.  
 It was the tallyho of the whorehouse  
 took  
 her with a sort of anticipatory  
 state of mind, overwhelmingly so.

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## TIME-CONSUMING

There was a pause while Sylvia looked up  
 perhaps remembering a comfortable  
 rest steady beneath her,  
 one of the easier experiences  
 one let oneself in with a key  
 by now memorized.

But beyond that, she instantly recognized  
 the prices of books rise with alarming rapidity  
 to follow scents and enjoy herself  
 as one grew older  
 over the lecture.

A new place was always time-consuming.

## MYSELF

G15

I was glad to hear this  
chagrin at the highly charged  
rapids for ten thousand  
more coherent thoughts. Of course the river could  
sound admiring, but my words were taken  
above heart and sinew. The men were without  
a very good idea  
where the waters from various slices met and mixed  
despair and weariness. There were sounds  
out on the coming deck, that afternoon,  
and in a deep bull-roar  
I began to be sorry for myself.

## SUPERIOR

G16

One ripple expands into two  
within him. At present, just as  
the post-operative drink was especially delectable  
he would grant me a believing heart  
and tears slowly trickled down those  
an unspeakable gulf separated him from.  
Of the room, the auditorium  
words he had spoken  
could only look at one another in awkward  
manners of the cowardly monk  
I'll probably go on betraying  
with his superior.

SIGNATURE

(G17)

His people may give him a little self-defence, ashamedly, and I saw the cast flicker in her eyes. "And can you soon be taking off my hat then?" "Then," he said deliberately. She smiled. "And I'll take the sadness, if it's got to people in the restaurant," he said in shadow. "altogether," I added. "But — we must!" She was, I knew, dissatisfied at having details of the future kept running through my mind to wonder. One day I saw the signature.

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SPEAK

(G18)

This year we must be pure and without spot near the dead youth. In through the mind of women sat down to carve the new face of Christ yes, he muttered, my heart is still attached to him. The women surrounded the schoolmaster with hatred but did not breathe a word together. They had drawn near one another in silent wandering like a soul in agony. He dared not go before the icon of Christ. "Christ," he murmured, "Christ has ordered me to speak."

I was quite irresistibly drawn into the place  
bellowing hell and blue murder and then  
bursting with prospects. Wait a moment!  
Garish electric light descends  
walls. There's even one big mirror  
on the contrary.

Talking of heroes gives me  
a few, and rich Christians  
to keep bright, light, and happy  
in the world, since I have avoided visiting him  
to have friends like  
ninnies, instead of doing something.

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after my juices are flowing back I go  
for what he hadn't, what few got in the world  
later on. Another solution might be one he had  
in his room for almost a week, except  
he had thought it best to acquaint  
words that sent her into gales of raucous laughter  
there. The busy signal came  
suffering her agony as well as his own  
prosperity, his frequent neglect of God  
still.

To make bad worse, during their second  
afterwards, he told himself that he hadn't spoken.

Christ, believe me, is not always as you carved Him  
in a hurry to say everything and be  
illuminated with saints and with angels'  
order to save the healthy souls  
on our side. God be praised!

He hung around  
on the day of the Passion  
where we are. Last night I saw  
the last houses of the village  
make my last night's dream come true  
and a little old man  
in the garden with his men, about twenty, armed.

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HIS QUESTION

"I shall die alone, unless  
mother's look of surprise reminded  
I have no right to  
universal silence and a look of quiet gravity."

She had nothing else to give

to the gentle Pope

oddly enough

as men were called on to acknowledge  
credence in Roman society

of heavenly fire

with him for some minutes. When she left him  
her smile answered his question.

a single unshaded light hung from a roof beam  
and would you believe it, time stood still as  
would ever be. And I had to keep  
wonder poltergeists infest only  
in the mind, deep under the skin  
of our nation.

"Lighted up the whole  
window where the numbers show  
up," Mary said. "They're just trying to help  
make our fortune."

I hadn't wanted to marry Mary —  
Death — la mort, a skeleton with a scythe.

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WITH EVERYTHING

Photographed hanging upside down on a meathook  
pretending to be thinking or examining the sky or  
the effect of his injury on the masters ...

reading Voltaire, in French,  
he kept gazing mildly and curiously at me  
in that rehearsal

now I know. But I don't want to  
have such a person choose me for his best  
look of shock and clumsiness. I was  
painted at random, but none of it  
given the second stage in that rehearsal  
had gotten away with everything.

It was too good to be refused  
the fresh and lively countenance of the Roman matron  
with a white rose fastened on her bodice.  
There was just moonlight enough to give a glimpse  
of bliss to him. Signora  
and I must say it is fortunate that  
we put them before  
murdered men found lying at their own doors  
wherein he pictured to himself  
and arched his eyebrows, saying, "My wife saw  
I never see any pictures like  
I see you are thinking."

I restrained him  
with the community of mankind  
in spirit before me  
till a little breeze came on and blew everything away.  
With his eyes fixed upon the face of a clock  
practically at the mercy of the first  
sound of that everlasting scolding  
he swayed me. I own to it. I own up  
the last image of that  
cross-eyed Dane of sorts  
confusing whether the note be mocking or  
held to the rail like grim death.

... faces of the men on the stage were  
... abandoned by his hills and his sun and moon  
... and passed  
... all kinds of private agreements with the forces of light  
... in the sultry air.  
... He kept out only a volume of the Zohar  
... he had cared intensely about  
... and left it face-up on his desk.  
Somewhere nearby an armed forces radio announcer  
forsook the Torah for  
... an easy chair near a large potted plant, talking  
... with the fatigue of travel and altered time.

... Ready to break out into laughter  
... chiefly for the air  
... I prefer not to be praised at all. I am  
... too unwell to visit the galleries or churches  
... because they had heard that morning of the death  
... I saw most  
... in an attitude of devotion that came naturally  
... up. In the narrow parts  
... enlarged on the magnificence of his achievement  
... I struggled in vain — how despairingly! — to get  
... almost all works of history  
... according to the pressure of the air.

A note and a birth announcement  
call  
for clouds. The clouds come sailing  
into a fit of absent-mindedness.  
Aunt Emily no longer talks of psychological  
delight at the aptness  
of all bitches  
she rubs her nose vigorously with  
and back three times a week  
attention to the presence  
turns the pillow over for the cool of the underside  
is to prosper on.

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FEUDAL PERSONAGES

Such empty-headed creatures  
we, of course, are born  
bisonacking existence  
and always very unpleasant to those who are  
taken somehow.

The whole system of education wants  
a kind of peculiar stillness  
we, of course, are.

Strange weariness began to show itself  
as we ourselves are in  
the true sense of the word  
living with feudal personages.

From time to time he mentioned the two white sleeved patrolmen in traffic pagodas and continued on. Dust rose behind texts that seemed the obscure ravings of military police. The general said, "Bill, I will be only a few minutes." He left its many pages beneath a heavy quilt covered with dragons in fact, his sense of things was that he had done little in his uniform. The battalion possessed by the realm of darkness cried like a baby.

## PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES

Allowing the martyrs to die with little agony he had already participated in twenty intravenous rumors about those absent and recollections of the Holy Mother, the sort sold at every church, found a man, about your father's age, hanging by his old habit. In its place, he wanted to get a second opinion when the weary voice of the conductor called out how that image came to be formed. The rays of the sun had grown fat and ugly. Sometimes that made him lose his under the present circumstances.

She bends over the open grave and speaks into it  
feeling fine. But suddenly he began having the cramps  
and tries to catch hold of  
her two glowing eyes. I remember how when she  
held out a lump of butter  
volunteer assistants spread  
it was clear that to the Soviets the new German  
gentile freshly shaved  
confusion, as though she has completely forgotten  
her husband.

I noticed a crowd which had collected  
all semblance of self-control.

When I am in France I never find myself  
more irritating than  
the monogrammed perfection  
that poetry ought to be.  
But in view of the difficulties  
when I am in France  
among the thousands of press cuttings  
with that mixture of fake self-confidence  
the following year, in Paris  
it is a little embarrassing  
an ordered, God-run universe  
stayed away a little longer than seemed right.

What had pained him most  
the priest did not understand, or at least  
the priest walked faster...  
stronger and more vigorous...  
jumped over the wall and went off without pausing  
to have a fit of coughing. "We'd better go,"  
the man of God  
confessed to his diary with a lover's  
permission to administer the sacraments  
upon generations of saints and popes  
unusually calm that day  
denouncing him as a hireling.

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No, decidedly she couldn't face  
the full moon.  
a note of irritation in her  
drying her eyes  
slackly, it seemed  
a white acetate-satin  
intelligence of the Controller's face  
may be thought  
out the pueblos  
of grief and remorse that filled  
yellow hair. Anyhow she was pneumatic  
at her breast.

she flung a mean hamburger  
every Sunday in front leading the singing  
then puffed the smoke straight out into the air.  
Very carefully he broke the gun and flicked  
that son-of-a-bitch.

Sad and resigned like he was carrying his cross  
he did not wave back, or even turn around, as  
she flung ....

Her eyes rolled to fit on  
the Golden Text sometimes, though, if he got a little  
what Time is. Time is not a movement  
mixed up with this association business.

DIED

I wanted to do something they could never undo  
and so untrue that Oliver had to  
once he wakened to see  
clouds of Cuban cigar smoke. Somebody was doing all right  
in Yonkers and the Bronx  
that day when they were happy enough together to make it  
up against a telephone pole.

He scattered them to the floor with a kick  
of laughter right out of downtown Gomorrah. Between  
the first doorway he saw with a Coca Cola sign over it  
and pallid, bald and tattooed  
years since the baby had died.

Here at a center is a creature  
inconceivably lonely, drawn upon itself as tramps are drawn  
beyond all search of dream unanswered  
to their senses.

## Senses

explained it, in such a way that they were,  
To so many hundreds of thousands  
hard apparently and God  
must have been for ten years now  
more savagely danced on and defiled beyond memory  
then in time the magnetism weakens —  
little runs of laughter.

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Inside that synagogue had experienced  
the art form  
one cannot reach a soul through.  
To show the world my feelings  
the door opposite me opened soundlessly  
drawing pictures of the brother and sister I had seen  
on a day when I could feel the cold of the fall  
by deliberately misdiagnosing  
the synagogue. I bought  
an enormous room. The walls were huge  
and the lights of the city come to life in  
the stink of paint.

She must pull herself together and look to  
the coming of the Messiah. Interminably  
To a dull rage as he found  
the voice sprang out of him harsh and pent-up  
into present death, and gone on alone after seeing  
himself. We are in the sewers  
of the man once bestowing decorations  
of the Messiah. Interminably

Hilter

more dearly than if he were the last child of Jacob  
pointed his long index finger  
by internal logic of extension to all human phenomena -

MONEY

He crossed the universe like light  
butchered and hacked to pieces  
of all places. You also have  
his head, which is his big asset, to  
get a pretty nice little income out of  
and I was in there with him. The heat  
outgenerated me always because  
of this chili con carne  
I thought was really wrong with me.

Thus went my meditation on the green  
potentialities of my success and  
I said, "Well, now let me give you this money."

I had by this time formed the habit of circumstance that for a period of several months told her I had never been.

I only knew that at the end I went so far....

I hardly know whether it was the analogies or my lucidity must have seemed awful and provided, for respectability's sake, a couple of letters from her when I had fairly so appraised it was the idea, the second movement, that led me out to her.

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I've invented all your words myself because I stand for "the good and the beautiful."

A father always likes his you know. I tried this way and that, but there's no doubt that I would have shot myself had you! There's no doubt about

"your way!" I said, completely at a loss, what you see there

in this world should be, more than ever, a matter established that a man will not act deliberately against embarrassment to his senses in the end. But I believe...

as I walked toward the door I supposed that there was nothing funny about the Assembly Room whose shades we had often labeled an escape into nowhere. As I walked past men who could be free and happy in the summer although I had heard right from the start outside there was a rustling early summer movement in something stabs of hopeless joy, or intolerable promise, or the perfect word for me now indicated that this was a turning point.

The Sabbath candles in their polished candlesticks are greatly pleased at this opportunity to advertise against the background of a dark-blue ceiling and in her slanted eyes Gehenna burns with her feverish thoughts. Her fantasies flow as quickly as the prayers, I'll recite the Kaddish at her stand, surrounded by customers. She remains as silent as a fish until she sees he laughs with his toothless mouth wide open. I told him I'm not afraid of his threats, both an educated person and a pious Jew has watched over the son born to him in his old age.

AWAY

G47

The gray cat sneaked away toward the open  
bag of tobacco, a limp gray rag by now.  
Calm wide eyes of the children watched every move of  
Jesus-lovers  
carrying their folded cotton bags under their arms  
in the sun and stretched.  
When the smell of the biscuits struck the air  
like a circus  
Gramma had convulsions from the heat  
and spread out like a jellyfish.  
Ma looked ahead too, but her  
afternoon lengthened away.

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SO MUCH

G48

There's something very dear about a church  
in the world who whole-heartedly  
I could let new things enter slowly and count.  
Her life to my heroic memory  
goes romping, playing blindman's buff  
of the world dream of fair and faithful  
time. The neighboring  
father's watch said nine with its black, stumpy  
wish I could tell  
in Boston. I can see both  
the broken pictures and shattered china  
wish I didn't resent it so much.

In answer to a jerk of his head  
legs, which were pitifully thin,  
stand on so much ceremony.

I had to get my  
remnants from him. The officer stopped  
but he himself was far from reassured.  
With the honest intention of being helpful  
the officer kept watching the explorer sideways  
even at home. His immediate intention was to get up  
and yet I see girls who are lovely enough  
to me and any connection between us is  
the soldier and the condemned man.

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#### ASSIMILATION

Suddenly she moved, she walked out of  
the soft, quivering little girl underneath  
dinosaurs, pterodactyls.

There are many thoughts and feelings, but only a few  
pitchforked back to where he came from  
so, to restore his prestige, he had to change the subject  
and misery most conducive to good writing  
froze suddenly in his throat. He realized that she  
contained a letter from his daughter Elinor. It  
had actually been atrophied by consistent silence  
to all her vague, but ardent  
intelligence. He had such a power of assimilation.

He looked almost smart, in a good grey suit  
and covered by a leaden sky. But  
I threw back my head and in a loud voice  
took him in charge. As I walked back to the subway  
he knew it made me laugh  
in Bloomsbury in the great days we were.

He professed a great feeling for the Christian faith  
to a man of business, though he never looked at home  
on the story of their lives  
in Renaissance European Culture  
preserved for the modern world  
well up in the literature of parasitism.

They were in the southern army, in the fourteenth  
branch which stood out against the sky  
to be free from the sentiment of pity  
half an hour later.

Her lips did not smile, and her dark eyes had  
his fate a few months  
as a child. He made his sentences quite unnecessarily  
conscious of a little nervousness.

He indulged every whim  
with his characteristic impudence  
more captivating than a beautiful  
cigarette up between her fingers, which were brown.

I did not always enjoy  
clearly the soul of integrity  
watching the sun shine through the Spanish  
Jews I know. They are more at home than I  
at the corner of Elysian Fields and  
your ingenious little researches. Admit it.  
I don't mind going if you want me to  
find seats together on a sofa where  
I slept on even the coldest nights  
with the rest. You haven't had your supper  
except a frightening-looking scar in the hollow  
consciousness as a child loses consciousness.

## THE BED

At these words a false truth dawned  
again in the old days with John, in the woods.  
To halt the advancing madman  
even if the fruit of his work was denied me  
he patted the innocent dog  
which no considerations of pride could stop  
and took it with him as a talisman. He dared  
these ghastly pictures one could make  
to the "higher" churches of the Anglican Communion  
after that but his mother never found  
people who live in glass houses  
with a time bomb inside, under the bed.

Nihilism is to cure all our woes  
and simple folk whose duty it is to serve  
the sound of voices in dispute there  
could boast of two or three fresh conquests  
snatched out of the murderous clutches of some  
determination in her character. Madame  
Nihilism is to cure all  
appetites of our dear guests, because  
they do not abate one iota of their rights.  
A maid came into the room with a decanter  
and what was most marvelous of all  
was a swarthy warrior in a helmet.

## ROSARIES

We are all like newborn babes, and the church is  
a dangerous and childish situation. The far-off  
turned to the priest as if to say  
who had worn mourning for fifteen years  
had grown up between nature's blind laws and  
some Abyssinian women with huge breasts.  
She touched her belly and said, "Here's the head -  
Holy Mother," she said, "watch over my poor priest."  
Her breasts had seemed like  
she was a mother whose son was in the war  
and he could not speak. With great difficulty the priest  
revealed the medals, scapulars and rosaries.

When they knew the cards had turned against them  
her beliefs, which were in almost every way  
acquired works of art and then hated,  
are born to severe physical trouble. Getting  
their way of life in its purity was a scientifically  
"interesting feature." "But  
donors and benefactors are crazy," he said  
as one who might some day join their  
committee of six or seven to meet  
— good God, could it be? —  
Mother's family  
of Easter Sunday. "Maria, I thought you should know!"

I went on a spree too, and after that I  
confirmed at the bar downstairs  
that's for sure. We also had a little  
in which his own exalted person is always  
so I'd have lived without worrying and died  
strangely distorted by an insane  
drunk from morning till night.  
But that didn't matter any more. Not one  
then he walked a few more steps.  
Instinctively afraid of reaching the goal he's working  
with something bordering on  
God, a moment of bliss.

MANY

(G59)

Gradually I, too, became known and came to my own reflection which I began to study indefinitely. Ritual is that way of performing the great number of rooms provided by the man-who-dreams. You are like a man who I had believed that one could simply venture into for a week or more at a time, a residence in the capital.

Dreams of horror and protest have their place every time I look into the mirror in the company of so understanding a person to tell you these things. Oh, I could tell you many.

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TO GO

(G60)

He went back to see the rest of the film incapable of laughing at anything. Because of a Piute Indian chief, my father protested innocently. "Just chewing the fat God will reward you." It took him a long time to reward anyone for anything, no matter.

She, too, was just settling down to work when he became indignant. "What do you call that?" "Onward Christian Soldiers."

He had suddenly become the refuse of feeling. She had left the couch for a red chair that was empty. She asked her husband to go.

Mosaic stones & needed for the Agnus Dei  
would be ready to sail on down the Rhine to  
the only one who could appreciate the original.  
Like so much information coming over a teletype  
there was murder in his eyes, and fearfully &  
stared out of the picture.  
Hardly set foot in  
light as a feather, a solo dancer.  
He is no longer the one whose secret laugh &  
finally turned away, he saw  
and likewise shook his head  
tormented in the dream by having lost.

## CORRECT GERMAN

Scented vapors rose from the fields  
he started digging. He worked for hours  
and felt the sleep of the refugee invading her body.  
Young Jewish vagabonds, for the most part, who  
were performing some secret religious duty  
would tell him about her adventures on the  
Day of Independence, when the army held parades.  
When she woke she kept her eyes  
opened out. The people unbuttoned their damp clothes  
one after the other and nothing happened to arouse  
a conversation between two lovers  
of correct German.

The plane was directed by means of a large beautiful woman he revered  
on the next Sunday that  
broke over her. She felt she had neglected him  
with the swollen and laughable face  
on her apron. Mother had dug something up  
and staring putrefied fish heads  
refused to represent him. He was advised to recover  
European art and architecture regardless  
in the rigors of  
singing her song and pushing back  
the morning Father took.

## THE WAY

On the day of his examination  
the somehow awakened voluptuousness of matter  
could be seen from the circumstance that  
had been up here since a good deal longer than  
he ascribed a certain symbolic value  
to.

Logis. Well — the moment has arrived  
because it is deliverance — yet not deliverance  
whereon were entered the results of  
rapid degeneration. The outward sign of this inward  
current had set in another direction  
everything that stood in the way.

LAUGH

(G65)

"what an extraordinary face!" thought Mary as  
a pattern of melody traced itself upon the silence  
in his patronizing compliment. He almost wished  
soulful people might prefer something less  
but that doesn't prove they're not there.

It'll be a very long time before decent living  
whose radius was proportionate to his terror  
and the various others one has forgotten

broke loose

in other words,

and the more atrocious the words, the more  
he had to laugh.

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ACTUALLY

(G66)

People in the gallery still kept up their comments  
on my recommendation he will certainly do  
although he was pledging his word to defer to her in  
that very moment the Assistant Manager stepped out of.

Best of all he liked to think

he wanted to quit the place with the usher

although he had publicly humiliated

a tendency to

the conclusion that this lovely motion had.

Amid universal silence, the silence of complete  
precedence at the front door, they repeated the ceremony  
and the girl and the usher were actually.

He remembered he could do nothing under his misbegotten name: first lieutenant for a moment, like a man driven to distraction by insurgents. If so, then I can't understand what his right hand went up

before he gave up his arrogant ghost. Fortunately we return to face our superiors, our kindred, our knockabout clowns in a force. They pushed into the state of a man's soul

as a sort of happy thought the notion scintillated with a greater brilliance and his racked body writhed with malicious exultation.

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They took the elevator to all the officers of the battalion, tense, silent. They were thin and pale-skinned, and awake a long time.

And birds with burned-out eyes remembering the cart and the runaway horse at the battalion in a rainstorm washed and lay in the bed.

that swallowed Jonah and was actually sheared off on impact. All the dead had been started up again, slowly, and went on slowly dreaming. The smoky vertiges of a trembling rage.

## GIGGLES

(667)

She wore the white headdress  
swallowed up in despair and envy when we  
had not appraised the change. It was summed up  
by the multiplication-table. It was fantastic in  
the method of silence now, and that worked better  
off by sea and air. Mine was not a widely shared  
instant sharpening of antagonism  
which in my spelling I have always tried to retain  
without finding immediately underneath it some  
trifle removed from the centre of the hubbub.  
Dreamy Chopinesque moods alternated with moods  
shaken by giggles.

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## A GIRL

(668)

A day at most, or two,  
by dint of determined effort  
selling black and white rosaries to all who  
no longer sought to conceal the sign...  
after my juices are flowing again I go back to  
the one I was wearing when I ran away from  
a job. "My God," I said, "do anything. Be  
added to the overloaded  
monkey with my blood pressure," said  
so as not to have to depend on  
a friend of mine, also a salesman  
come in the simple hope of finding a girl.

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A score of people had collected near me  
in a corner and waited for the first face  
induced by my grief.

There is not doubt that the church has performed much  
to determine whether this really was a mirror, and my  
variations had just this familiar quality of ritual  
whose birth signified the corruption of the original godhead  
fully to the contemplation of my dreams. During the four  
I remonstrated with the old woman, for she had  
hardly recognized him  
made possible by the new leisure I obtained by giving up  
an old friend of mine, a few, although a convert.

The day and the night that followed  
finally had  
felt his head swell and subside, then try to swell again  
with a Coca Cola sign over it. Coca Cola signs went all  
on working all the same  
even in the summer night's sheltering dark.  
When the windows both sides of the streets were darkened  
and his heart remembered the harlots'  
tickets just the other side of the wall  
the old man stood a bit to one side  
revealing a parrot that took one glassy glance around  
at his watch : 11:04.. By God.

HE KNOWS

G71

She looked up pleasantly from the frying pan  
of his concepts  
and water carried in a rusty can  
in the overdrawn perspective of  
the whole mess, and before the others could get  
her. He grabbed her when she fell and held her  
and a paleness showed through his dark skin.  
Struggle began

driving the roads with his wife beside  
them potatoes in the new fry pan  
west, and the sun was blinding  
nobody but Jesus. He knows.

KNEW

G72

He ordered a steam bath every day  
to start or finish anything. I know, I know  
that two years had elapsed since his insults  
waited for her on her way home from school  
To be. There was more to it, though, for  
now suppose he couldn't come tonight and wrote  
every hour, guided only by his own inspiration  
flattered. However, after that,  
after my father died, we got rid of it  
on a man confessing publicly

"you must believe me..." She fell silent  
into another room that I already knew.

His eyes flashed with the bold resolve of one who defies every last detail as a slave of convention, now that I think.

it impossible to keep my gaze, was to play my part on the stage without "destiny." I was remembering being inherently given to superstition, from that day I joined a group of classmates who were hanging from the iron bar, suspended there by some secret information. "But listen," he said, "that propaganda is true." He slaughtered many a Grecian soldier.

## HIM HIS

One night I stood before the prophet Elijah almost without effort, to keep silent. Little time went by, and soon delirious, the crowd obeyed the curse that seems to precede us to point the way or else she was dreaming with him the words stuck in my throat.

He had been told that it was inhabited by savage voices of the night, which punctuated the silence I stood before the prophet Elijah couldn't believe his ears. The voice had no name, so he gave him his.

WHEN

G75

Each faction demanded increasing assistance from  
the flickering light of the oil lamp  
which would be unsuccessful  
time and again if

he laughed, made the sign of the cross over  
people and cattle. The lightning was  
coming closer with increasing speed. This had to be  
fathers, husbands, and brothers  
he took out a cigarette from his breast pocket  
for

and if they found me it would be too late  
in the daytime, when.

IN IT

G76

A desperate lover facing death  
ought to be in bed  
making the world safe for democracy, so  
he lay flat with his eyes hot  
with nothing to do one springy Saturday night  
the caviar was all gone.

All framed for hanging  
in the big livingroom in front of  
crackbrained invert beauties  
looking for  
when she met him,  
they gave him some coffee with rum in it.

## A CROSS

as the day dawned, they were forced  
to Toledo in search of him. The very morning  
a man worthy of the thanks of all humankind  
sprinkled their cheekbones and bodies with  
enjoyed greater strength  
upon the glowing.

Soft, falsetto voices intoned  
a room at the back of his house  
and, further, the great and blameworthy life.  
The news was very upsetting  
but not entirely foolproof  
men wearing rabbinical beards could safely partake  
upon the glowing coals.

If a goy made plane to harm the Jews the Golem  
would rest for a while in my room.

Then I remembering their closeness, feeling their  
grandfather, may he rest in peace, gave  
speeches. Ten years ago I said we needed  
to hear the Golem  
with awe and :

a Talmudic insight I had recently acquired  
punctuated the loud conversations  
unable to shed goyische blood. We are not so  
still, feeling the warm morning sun on  
her body, describing the shape of a cross ...  
a cross.

The village Shakespeare, it was obvious, must be in his fifth whiskey. "Dirty little swine!" he banged in the name of science, progress, and human.

Hand on his face made him start her pleasure as a man pursues his, remorselessly rankled. "Just look at that girl there with the frizzy

only," he said to himself as early as they did in Shakespeare's day to make up his mind to run amok. Justifying

the habit of secrecy had made it impossible for him and, feeling the approval through the hilarity I know it's justified — experimentally.

"Genius." The remark was admirably in a mouthful of something attributed to her and the possession of which she had

bound up with his sentiment for his mother, somehow cross. At the same time he wasn't going to obey his face-to-face shyness and his postal freedom.

I, for instance, am horribly sensitive  
sitting behind the screen. But I can say  
incidently, I made one strange observation

without even suspecting how stupid you are.  
In fact, it took me no time at all  
to complain to the police.

The way I am now, fifteen years later, having aged  
behind my confusion, I could already make out  
we were moving through space at a fantastic speed

away. Ah, why bother! I ought to get  
discharged from the hospital for the second beating  
that, although of course not human, still did

account quite reasonably for the political change  
and, you know, I compared the two of you and  
suddenly remembered a scene I'd witnessed in

illness was almost completely unknown.  
Just then, the clock on the wall strained  
one hell of a time.

There comes a silence, then a click  
and she looks at me ironically  
in the motels by the hundred.

Some atavistic recoil from an intimacy too intimate  
Ten years ago I pursued  
she comes directly over

an idea. I said listen:  
my mother made up a cot in  
the rafters but the service door is open

and last night we turned on the hi-fi and sat.  
No permanent damage, however, except  
of a prisoner in the death house who takes

to harbors a special dislike for  
a movement indicating both her friendliness and  
her too.

"Didn't nobody tell me you was coming!" cries  
a life of crucifixion  
I am being unselfish. But heaven she is just like.

The poor bewildered tailor was shattered  
in Taverne of ill-repute, among hardened  
dead with his cries for help

gathered from my life. Intrigues at  
father doomed him to survival. So this is  
revealed only after the fact

mute with fear, remorse and pity — above all.  
To express his own admiration  
shivering with cold on the floor soiled with his

own rigid body in successive waves  
I have begun to have premonitions  
redeemed by God, but only by a demon

rage. He swore, insulted me, blasphemed  
father in a new role. "You must know,  
about you, about me," he would answer

at the side of the road, at the entrance to  
things to do and not to do, on impulse  
felt like sticking out his tongue.

HIS WATCH

[H 6]

a man in overalls and a brown coat leaned  
from time to time on the surface of the water.  
In a moment his

building where I can work  
caught him around  
with his face tilted.

Others turned with him and together they  
pushed quickly through  
and pointed to a Negro child.

She turned herself in the direction  
with an executive  
look. But then she

was from Chicago. This was her first vacation  
with me. I had to wait on the sign  
then one night after they were in bed, she said

to the main business streets  
telling the Negroes that they would have to find  
him. He looked at his watch.

It took time for the words to penetrate his  
time, they gave heed to the calendar, observed.

He is a prejudiced party, his position is

accorded to the anniversary of arrival no other  
fills. But a narrative must have two kinds  
of opportunity of making the acquaintance

his ghastly white face, with the eyes  
so indissolubly bound up  
and gone about with his nose in the air, only

restored. He rejoiced in a faculty regained  
which cannot be said of the mania for destruction  
that would be his angle of approach. The expense

of an unfortunate occurrence

O god, how beautiful life was ! And it was  
yet to be discovered that

she stood before his eyes, in all her fatal charm  
and with great objectivity. Even in the matter  
space, like time, engenders.

we followed our gigantic shadows across  
people who were  
full of authority and perfectly under control

and old portraits  
away from even this  
river and sky as

we piled back into the old, dispiritedly lit  
young hero now anonymous who looked theatrical  
when he wasn't wearing

this uniform that didn't even smell  
the summer. Everybody played  
people who were young in the thirties

and I alone was a dream, a figment  
driving and molding and arming them.  
Everyone struggled with awkward fortitude to

be nothing but children playing among heroic  
members of the senior class  
he smiled pleasantly after.

'EM

H9

Broke for a couple of weeks  
he was a biggish man with blue eyes  
in a sudden nightmare fright. It was

the show. Everything was cockeyed  
between the Seine and the sky  
in the glass. Her skin looked very white

and he ought to realize that in urging  
her by the arm. "Don't be so  
young man," said one baldheaded official in

their room

all the time he was packing his books.  
It was cooler walking across the bridge

looking over the photographs and  
the man laughed. He had blue eyes  
for a long

visit

of his acquaintance,  
singing Joe Hill's songs. They sang 'em.

I lost my temper in the construction  
standing on the balcony. How would he look  
afterwards, you see? I'd simply like to know

if you want  
the big beam smashed to smithereens  
of the same mother and father

badly brought up. And short-tempered mothers  
signed  
interchangeable one with another. The icicles of

fantasy, of place, day and hour  
start trembling, I know I'm a bit crazy  
forming ever-new configurations

down. There was the path through  
many centuries to come  
otherwise encountered only

heightening the impression of youth, his.  
His mother's murderer. He did not feel it  
fraught with a self-conscious dignity.

Shape and substance of the music  
is sharp against the skin  
home made out of a fertilizer sack.

This is just a minute specialization  
necessary to guard it against collapse with  
inferior parts of each of our beings

killed in the fall, for next winter.  
It had now descended deep  
for that single purpose.

A child, very much of the earth, yet  
that I have felt forms of allegiance or  
false deliverances there can be

by now. I don't exactly know why anyone  
is covered, and the furniture too  
all the time we have stayed.

Children like figures of speech or are, if you like  
talking a little, but too tired for talk  
will be equally uninterested in the fact.

DISCOMPOSED

H 12

I hope that I have served  
whenever I looked at him.  
Looking as if he were expecting guests

he would not believe that his refusal to be  
brought to a successful conclusion  
had roused great interest

among other distressing manifestations  
like flight and therefore guilt. Besides  
he had begun to feel the air in the room stifling.

Emphasizing the gesture with nods of  
Magistrates

all the same, I thought that I might as well

dare go out into the country  
following  
the thought of his case

rather than speak, consequently.  
It might be better if I took it up  
or perhaps merely discomposed.

Cousins met her before the front door  
feeling that look and smile upon  
a state almost amounting to beatification.

" Sounds as though she had been dead  
but perhaps it is not yet too late . "

She bent to toss her cigarette - and in the grate ,

looked at the cousins as they entered  
past , idiotic with happiness at the encounter .

" Think so ? I ' m not so sure . I get the impression

the girl may lie down and die any day , "

said . " She is so heedless , a shade . "

Adventurous youth felt much relieved to have

all that lay implicit  
about nine o'clock of a cool morning  
smuggled in . After the cigarette

everybody was at tea , not a soul in the passages  
one ' s very blood goes to  
with the suffering and dying .

In the design and building of an abattoir  
thought chills me. He belongs here most  
at daybreak

which only yesterday had been a magic dream.  
He smiles, his face still moist. His teeth are  
in the design and building of an abattoir.

Her body. The weight of it made her gasp  
with Christ. It has been a lovely  
place for beasts. Just so is the odor of

grief, love. For, if anything, he loved  
withern and giving up the ghost  
existence elsewhere

as though having intruded upon this  
impaled at the groin on a ceiling hook.  
I will be back

and to the millennium of spiritual influence  
it shrinks, or desiccates, collapses, and I  
gently push him forward.

Here, in this city, a century  
my wife's eyes were greeny-blue  
and guilelessly yielding up.

The mass effect was a light but most brilliant  
parenthesis to a hypothesis  
clearly a subject of some importance to

monkeys. And let's not forget  
my reasons are primarily aesthetic  
in the hair, the laughter forced from the lungs

now, the idea for the curtained  
reference to Juliet  
to build and maintain several

great kisses on her cheeks.

Often the coincidence turns out  
in all its nakedness, for it is impossible

and jumps, always a few feet away  
to chuck in literature  
which I have when I read the book.

"If you want you a woman you  
get her over here," he said. "I pay  
to work here," he hinted

in the door, staring at the little boy  
to scream for the Negroes while  
they couldn't very well remove

more than was believable. For the past  
had a blind moment when he felt as if  
the sweetest girl in the world

knew something the Displaced Person was doing.  
That he must insure the future  
To the edge of the bare commercial scene

said. "Goodness!

a blunt

nymphomaniac," he said fiercely. "She

heard you," the boy muttered. "It's no use."

He began to shake all over and give

Bibles. "Lord," she said, "he bored me to death."

PREOCCUPATIONS

H 17

Is all motion running away  
celebrating my daring crime ?

It would be an exaggeration to say that

the proliferation of religions throughout the world  
placed any conditions upon this happy  
dream and its successors were indelible. They

knew my gaze was discontinuous, broken  
against my homeland or against this city  
and it began to stagger

different, lighter, on the inside. But I  
don't consider anyone like myself  
could afford to be unreliable in every

solitude which is the result, I am sure.  
I find intolerable the slow leakage of my  
university and the library

sources of income. These would  
illustrate the death of love, the failure of talent  
simply, my life, my preoccupations.

HELD OUT

H 18

In my dreamlike state I was troubled by  
don't flinch when I kiss you on the cheek.  
But as it turned out

even now I had quit bothering  
the clock's calm voice. If only  
I'd stood up there

but the laughter stuck in my throat  
and a bohemian, hair black, clothes black  
anxiously wiped the sweat away

that I intended to use for  
I think I just wanted to laugh at  
any favors

you know that our Holy Father Benedict  
piled, ready for loading, gray in  
the billiard room. It stuck in your mind

too, at that time, here  
who spent a month  
flexibly self-important, held out.

I do not remember the stages of my return  
plot, with all its imaginable permutations  
for the greater glory of God

or our barbarity. Every man should be capable  
and recondite. I discovered that some Hasidim  
had a secret pact with God which exempted

Europeans. This opinion seems unfounded  
but at bottom they flatter our vanity  
in the unanimous night.

The voice of the Lord answered from a whirlwind  
at the end of the thirteenth century  
with the correct appurtenances and the correct

Jesus is the straight path that saves us from  
various sensations or ideas imprinted on the sense.  
Here it seems we cannot avoid condemning

one of the Gnostic conventicles  
in silence. I don't know what time it must have  
of an as yet unconquered America.

MY LORD

420

after study the day ended with Compline  
but something akin to the pride of the Jews  
smells things. And I find now that he's

too fine for administrative work. Kicked upstairs  
it was his academic discipline  
not to have an answer

and we needed teachers. But did we need  
modern people in command of all the modern  
look for it? He may have put it in one

being more elegant than cocktails  
in the centre of the room, wearing a smoking  
piece to the jigsaw puzzle of what I had

with philosophy. He had dropped the manner  
but his sober tie and clean shirt  
turn sex into a hobby. Oh, it's a complex study.

No copy exists. So was it published or  
of course in Bloomsbury in the great days  
addressed as My Lord?

In a voice which contained as much grief as  
one that gripped his  
beautiful courtesan

nobody was so alone as he.

When the last pain had filled and passed from her  
other voices accompanied it

there for a long time.

He was sometimes afraid of these  
and finds everything as it was before

when the last pain had  
gone into everything — the creation of the world  
"gone badly." He did, in fact, seem indifferent

a moment the beautiful woman nodded  
overwhelmed by a feeling of icy despair  
accepted. He now lived

his inward voice and the voice said "No!"  
It was hardly necessary to enquire the way  
that she was with child as a result.

Though he spoke very fair English he melted like an ice. When I laugh, wiping away imaginary tears

within half an hour of shops and cinemas not unskillful in dealing with ruffled feelings the links I had

went something like this : ' And now ! Are you ruptured ? Constipated ? Breath Bad ? ' It was not long before I had a notebook full

of shattering disconnected observations in perhaps some obscure revenge for such times as one could assemble

high upon the bastions as a pigeon's egg. Mentally I held it all, a brief and extraordinarily comprehensive

memory here — was it Orpheus compelled to do by the pressure of events succeeding ones ? This thing ?

"You talk all sorts of rot, and yet you're quite miserable if he'd failed to do so." Still, I look up to him with respect, which

I'd known from the start that I was going to again the next day and the day after. I sent complicated inquiries among the servants

as a consequence, he had a few clashes. That my vagaries are more stupid than anything for which a young man should

dream again of the forthcoming said, completely at a loss a while. "I was sore," he began again

back in town — I know it for sure the more conscious I see even him after I had attained such happiness.

"The ordinary flogger, the man who has been ordered to get rid of the superstitions fear he inspires is a great asset."

Air around them was vibrant and on fire  
suddenly joyful, strident, passionate  
archangels deployed their wings and helped

time to time wild cries.

Four wounds the nails had made  
found the solution, as he smoked his cigarette

as he advanced. Soon the flames began to lick  
in the darkness she stretched out  
at dawn — and this time his eyes were

to take in God and men like that.

Their father had brought them  
signs of the cross

all taken aback, as though some bird of prey  
had at last been sated  
and her heart was breaking.

The triumphal hymn of the Byzantine  
kind that goes to Paradise  
lives for the love of Christ.

WORDS...

425

In a long letter he had been writing  
to bear the inconvenience he was bound to cause  
himself at ease in the great, warm bed of

certainly the best person to explain  
otherwise he felt relatively comfortable. True  
smile — inviting mortal danger — from time

asleep there. But one wanted to get up  
rose-red and blood-spotted as  
wanting to stage a comedy.

Therefore take note  
again, pausing a moment as if to let  
the kind of intelligence that is not to be found

at random in memory when one is idly thinking  
it with good will. He is probably  
out for hours over various

dwelling places. If he only had  
there for a moment perhaps  
tried to rouse his father with gentle words...

Among the other fragments  
trembling with hunger and rage  
mine was not a widely shared view, at least

where later I used to bathe  
by its dim light I  
rubbed under the moon

in the wind. From behind the closed doors  
baggy-trousered patriarchs holding swaddled infants  
light, candle by candle, like Easter

somewhere not too far  
eyes betrayed  
ex votos against barrenness. Heaven knows how

cheerfully. 'Aie aie,' said  
now that the traveller seeks to renew  
its contemplative and luxurious indolence.

I accepted these  
affairs with the same deceptive normality.  
The whole thing had a puzzling sort of air.

He dared not press the button of his splendour, of that spiritual energy and divine air. The panting dog lay down at his feet

as he sat now on the terrace and all at once, with no reason at all, burst into Shakespeare, a distant drowsing sound

of Aunt Maud who had just died with enchantment and physical wellbeing despite immortal imagery, involutions of thought, new

themes in this part of the poem. I suspect it for one fatal moment three weeks later, but there was an old tremendously trustworthy

spring, and we were alone in that admirable composition. I reread the illusion of continued space. We can visualize

nudities blending with fig trees, oversize ardors and chaotic afterlife with no Providence to direct the artistic correlation.

CONDEMNATIONS

H28

His manager  
crisscrossing like  
intestines heaved with rats. And up.

They had come there the previous autumn  
at the time of course not a few people  
slept in a rooming house and had breakfast

brought to a conclusion. Everyone applauded  
darkness and a coldness that had crept upon  
the Christian men to whom God in His infinite

broke and too ashamed to see anyone  
was solemn and attentive as befitted the occasion.  
The weather was a constant torment, the wind

opened a crack; there was a chain latch in place  
in this icebound winter night a force  
knew Father found.

His face twisted in a paroxysm  
not one of ours. In the morning Father  
issued a new series of condemnations.

Her mind had grown furious  
flocks of crows dashed one after the other  
into the assembled humanity

behind them, Jesus, tranquil  
continued. "I've come to see."  
In the evening when Jesus

trembled and her entire body was  
under the Lord Jehovah, from whose beard  
I called, called, called for

Mary and waited, not wanting to leave...  
she wiped them away.

Overcome by melancholy, Jesus lay down on

the wind of Jehovah  
shaking his large head.

The woman was startled by his sudden appearance

behind me like a dog or at times  
screaming, "Catch her! Catch her!"  
he breathed in the Jewish air.

Suddenly she moved, she walked out  
remembering, the abysses of time  
told about poor Jesus

for someone else's entertainment. He wanted to be  
"Q. E. D." He turned away again to take out  
others. She and the bailiff were

only disturbances. "But fortunately  
no news," she sighed, as she took off.  
"What a fool!" she had thought

admirably in character. And perhaps true  
in the foreground, to be transformed by an allegorical  
smoke,

gangrened insensitiveness. Its inevitable. Jesus  
was dry and haunted by a taste like the fumes  
of Sunday-morning church. "All the same?"

The question dropped into the silence  
of a savage or an animal. The logical conclusion  
raped his Sabines. Venus looked into her mirror.

mean. There it is, and it'd be damned funny if  
a rowdy song was within  
the world when it heard what the Nazis were doing

about the Vestal Virgins, and how  
I was not in a good mood, because I had been  
a Roman Catholic first. I had some of the right  
love as a complex emotion  
but he who troubles his head with apocryphal  
theatre and the meals became high-minded.

There was no answer to that one  
daemonic seizures are the unadmitted elements in  
although I am unquestionably a priest

and I was so excited.

Monks and novices were strictly enjoined  
into the Middle Ages when the sort of Greek

Bloomsbury Man is visiting us, you know  
and it was my New Testament Greek student  
who liked a touch of style.

The coarse creature regaled the table with various printed matter, and a sheet of writing from the masterpiece of your national literature?

In reality it was something besides all these that an educational system which still conceives itself could expand into a little eternity

everyone knows. Our question rather refers to its model pupil and full of honours (which decide whether its display was really up to

where it always sounded so sharp)

the whole thing was

to penetrate his consciousness. Then

counter to the ascetic ideal and the kingdom of God this was so advantageous that he steadfastly fixed his eyes upon his plate

"from the masterpiece of your national literature" and upon his own mortal vesture of it divided a fat dividend.

When he came to power, we were surprised that his acts disobeyed the arbitrary decree of the party and reminded him of the fairy tales he had forgotten.

Many of the present divisions are just and the frankness of her questions gave her everyone's drunken cheers. In

hearing the old man talk she would. "How did it go? Living here in penance, like a real man of God?

Not a priest but a saint."

The old man continued talk of God as he had once done

To see how he isn't a king any more. There's a great certainty that he wouldn't be caught

once he made sure his trousers have gathered all the fruits.

"They've left us alone," said the old woman.

DRAWN

H34

I remember well  
fortitudes too gigantic to meditate long  
on

the formalism and straining  
powers of reflection and of imagination  
approximate, or at times by chance achieve.

Herein I must  
regard as I can the sorry and brutal infuriate  
their own qualifications for this work. All of this.

I am from time to time  
in that great realm of hazy and drowned  
eyes its paralyzing classicism.

Extremely intelligent and in part insane  
it was a good enough church  
grimace, God knows

stained, in the tensions of physical need, and  
I cannot unqualifiedly excite myself in favor of  
the comments, the monosyllables, drawn.

The family stood around and watched  
the stout little anarchist who now paced  
stinking fish. The old Anglo-Saxon

family, of the missing wife and mother  
alerted

the mirror, finding it indeed loathsome

three different attorneys recommended by Father  
desire for each other's company.

His only bit of luck

in the days of summer at Saratoga Springs  
played gently with  
conclusions about this life that are not within reach

of ecstasy or despair, great filamented  
ruins. The entire area had been roped off  
by Father as the time for amour. He would make

hazardous and backbreaking labor  
more vulnerable than ever  
stop the domed skylight of the portico.

Today it would be impossible for me to have been with him a mild form of epilepsy. His attitude toward the subject

jarred upon her tired nerves even in Arcady am I, says Death whizzing along towards the

host, whose name was.

The forty days between Queen and half-paralyzed shadowgrapher

had weaned her husband not only from spiritual energy and divine vision, now.

He dreamed

a leering young Adam in rather ordinary tights (as I jokingly called them)  
the magnificent palace of the Administration

soaked in literary talent  
got misprinted a second time as  
the King.

DOWN

H 37

a land of sanctuary , he had said , where  
was buried

God

all in a rush , without any punctuation  
seeking to be God , she thought .  
Somebody outside that can come in

his mind to listen to this clockwork  
as though coached by the Star of Bethlehem  
she spoke ( who shall silence then , at last ? ).

Well aware after these many years  
she had merely to arrange her hands  
he said that their way lay

in his mind .... Nothing happened , he felt .  
as she drew breath  
all things

to be made well with the least possible ado  
had apparently  
and her mother had settled down .

BOTH

H 38

"Copyright still had several months before he gets to you," the girl said at the moment the door from the inner

I heard more than a ghostly cry. I was certain the corpse wasn't going anywhere with me. He was always having severe

eyes locked on those of his Request Forms. Through the course of years the girl

found a man who will take it off to move down here to her place again in detail, and so help me, if

the guard in charge of his detail didn't I wouldn't.

After twenty years who could doubt them

Request Forms?

Two counterfeit fifties we borrowed from the old man's excesses were imperiling both.

SCHMUCK

H 39

men from forensics were methodically going through the notebook, noticing if indeed that's what he intended to do.

The gaping wounds in the mattress looked like he could outrun even God for his double life. Naïve? Was that what

all kinds of incriminating evidence a man bleeding like a stuck pig does not resist having

echoing painfully inside his skull?

He sat absolutely motionless on the first floor, where traitors blared.

It seemed to singe the inside of his lungs at the sound of his name and then he would kiss me tenderly, and later he

was the first one because deep down he believed in portents like the classic schmuck.

SCRIBBLED YELLOW

H 40

I'm not at liberty to say more  
but rather the informed  
head just about to turn

which, according to tradition, represented  
others still on the stairs  
had a sudden vision, decidedly unscientific.

Squinting at the text  
lest the sight of one early departure produce  
references to "the Insect God" in the same  
direction, eager to get as far from the city as  
here, what is fabula  
was half tempted to cancel my visit, and I confess.

"Never could stand it, myself. All that."

The song's arrangement  
gave him a few ineffectual nudges, then

the tale degenerates into an unsifted collection  
on company stationery. He watched  
one last time through the scribbled yellow.

Christian girls, good Southern girls  
wasted no time letting strangers know who  
knotted it with the last of his strength. By God

Old Gross remembers a thing or two in the deep dark  
moment with shuttered eyes. This had never happened  
to their Daddy - O

yet unspent  
since the first girl sold and a world  
naked but for hat and undershirt.

Banana boats were moving out to sea  
traveling from town to town  
believing it was no more.

His eyes so blue, so commanding  
and  
naked up there in the arms of hairy

days, the foreman made a mental estimate of what  
came down first, with a cup of tea steaming  
right into the bosun's chair.

FATHER, APPARENTLY

H 42

They might awaken  
as if to advise me of a hidden significance  
although it was not actually

and I accepted them. But it became increasingly  
something else again  
when I grew older

when I came home on the following  
of their experience  
and perhaps the freedom of her life

forming a pattern on the sink. Now  
how thoroughly at home I felt  
where my father and I had walked

wondering. Furthermore, he was wearing a new  
reading  
and theirs, ran together in my mind,

from the family, from her friends, from man  
was no mere going-over she gave to  
my father, apparently.

HAPPENED

H 43

One way or another when he was ten years  
becoming more obvious in the orders he gave  
I began to see well enough to know that

the gun was sweating in my hands  
between her long  
discrepancies. When I did the talking

his eyes swiveled at me in fear. He thought I  
hit the switch that blacked  
them in dithering bewilderment.

It was too late, she said  
waiting as long as it took for his slow to begin  
a song I didn't recognize

and asked him whether her fifteen-year-old  
children would be like  
him. I rubbed my cheek against his

generator truck and got the bright notion of sounding  
completely anesthetized  
enough to "forget" what had happened.

There had been something sort of  
in front of the brain  
that that whole generation of Jews did

to my brother, to everyone, that he didn't  
follow.

He used to pick

his own mundane, bullheaded way  
to the drugstore in the next town to get  
sheets of white

hang-ups. Not all of them want to possess  
the more distressing economics  
in somebody's head with words

and the fact that his eliminating  
the claims of the family were  
there, and that, if left there, would

replace the undereducated father who  
turned  
one of the aged whose age is incalculable.

REALLY

H 45

He has seen this used to good effect  
on him and walked off  
in the direction of the train.

Smoking his pipe and taking little sips from  
the end of a dream  
the boy in front

looked — there was a mound of purplish  
corpses  
for the purposes of making entertainments

and their minds are feeble  
under the ground with the decomposing  
for us.

There were mosquitos on the back of his neck  
and above them hovered  
a triple overdone. A friendly joke, really.

He can see the new obsession  
shows no sign of discomfort  
really.

DEAD

H 46

People were squandering their lives  
in all four directions  
where everyone is pinned to his place by

the church, although first there was  
one of his sisters.

He reached his side of the car,

gave another of his wheezy  
words  
like a expert.

She sang, numbly, standing and sitting as  
those mimes who can portray  
her on the steps of the church

scheduled the trip for  
the church door opened again and  
turned out.

what she liked  
with Grace Kelly and Bing Crosby  
almost stopped dead.

MY MOTHER

H 47

a small payment for what they did  
by putting them up on crosses  
I rode back and forth on my tricycle.

The sounds of heavy traffic on the street  
were short  
on a Friday afternoon I  
closed my eyes and began to review inside.  
Plumes of steam rose from  
them.

Israel the Lord our God the Lord is  
a vocabulary that can be understood by  
a voice chanting softly in

some people in the group  
I think — I think I will have another  
now I had come into

the learning six or seven  
also have to know the grammar of  
from my mother.

PERFECT LAYMAN

H 48

A perfect layman  
Terrified little souls of lambs  
intrigued by the extreme desolation

articulated with a miserable smile  
first one way and then the other, as  
the yellowish light of the candles

advances to him. The proposal  
was thrown upon a great pyre  
by this theatrical reversal. His face

like a madman, his face dazzling in  
air. He plucked  
thought. He exhaled sadly, "But what good?"

It was obvious that he had not been  
disagreeable to the soul  
sweeping the air with

who crisscrossed Poland and the "zone"  
in those formal phrases — perhaps  
a perfect layman.

arriving at the top, I still felt a bit out of context, the events took on distorted the experience of God.

Wellwishers bearing whole salamis recollect events in emotional bits and a thought I could verbalize

had long since become an end in itself.  
An impulse to hide gripped me  
to measure the immensity of

that abstract, lilac-colored light.

Well into the process of decomposition for all after all, this was not

father's gushy Teutomania. He proclaimed lectures on sexual repression and emancipation with gaudy festoons of crepe paper wound

about his own mother as the mistress of a man unforgettable in many ways. First, I had such a convulsive fit of the giggles.

She laughed with a resonance unknown to  
the portrait hung in the District  
of the winter stars. He remembered the night

oddly enough, each irregularity  
holding its celebrations on the same  
good counterweight. There was a lot of talk

together and that even  
occasionally broke in the distance  
must be buried and mourned

for a few seconds it seemed to the Lieutenant.  
There was nothing more to be said  
to the theologians

of the summer day made  
between his forebears and his progeny.  
It was all so certain. Every stone lay

back into position  
while slender slippery  
she laughed with a resonance unknown.

ACCORD

H 51

a society which for a long time was nearly  
taken possession of just  
came round again

and elegantly overcame the hint of embarrassment  
in their outlandish  
elision in the latter end

of tempting you. But I mean to.  
The vividness and clarity of that memory-picture  
would castrate life, as would the determinism

no doubt as to  
utterances  
in their outlandish tongue.

Up against the power of love  
on the next day  
which it conquered with a demoniac quality

the progress of acclimatization was  
the subject, though briefly  
without rhyme or reason, of its own accord.

WITH SMOKE

H52

We turned to go home. I glanced back  
into the middle of the room. It was no longer  
waiting for a last gust of wind to blow out  
its magic power.

The odor of a festering wound emanated from  
a medallion of the Holy Virgin

around when she was cooking. I helped to peel  
droplets of sweat  
just as a person struck by lightning could.

Could change the horrible enigmas of the disease  
coming in through the slots between  
the sky grayed and darkened

bogs and swamps  
to overcome me. The pain in my body raced  
home. I glanced back as we went

from the station building a gay  
name of the Son  
fumigated with smoke.

SHE OPENED

H 53

It must have all been very different when development of technologies ancillary to the child came to a town of human

faces and eyes and flowers  
of the Law of One  
under professional direction.

Spring and summer passed  
with a complicated and unreliable spark  
usually he observed

more like a kind of music made out of  
intercommunicating centers formed  
on the wind.

He was  
all the time and listening and looking  
left in the ashes of that house

the woman had come alone from.  
If no information was requested, none was  
on the page she opened.

THE PARK

H 54

The three of us walked together to the drugstore  
to remove the tumor he would go in  
and, according to my father, eager

begin the sophisticated  
proportion of Jewish executives.  
I couldn't sleep for six

impressions and perhaps he is just reflecting  
now only platonic friends he saw very  
glumly, like somebody at the Off-Track

reaches of gentile America.

Several times each week he begged  
my father to come to the home office to have

as much as the musicians for  
he was stronger at

the sense of unity it bestowed on his long life.

He does it. The end of one era  
unfit to pulverize even  
I'd left for the park.

ABOUT

HSS

grains of sweat began to run down  
his shoulders , his skin was now baked  
in the merciless sun

and an angel with hair of fire rushed  
his eyes . His mouth  
containing one of the Ten Commandments

was burning up  
a bit  
of the cameraderie

on the left side of  
that time . Until  
flames fly out of his nostrils

his lifetime he had extracted  
simply stared at the fire , his mind far away .  
Now far away , out beyond

shadows snuggled  
the Kingdom of Heaven  
for an instant the world revolved about .

TELL US

H 56

We didn't find out until the police met  
on the floor  
the joke when the rest of us were

into the nether regions for her. She is  
printed and slathered up everywhere we went  
like the rest. She must have thought she was

with the show for so long that  
it carries through matter. When  
news

stunned and we've got to act quickly before  
the joke when the rest of us were  
her mouth is distorted into a pulsing

light

in each direction and then back  
for just because she cared

over

the guy who tried to kill you all  
things were simple. Papa would tell us.

SAME

H 57

When I was a child such tortures  
made her keep silent too  
and he never finished his

he remarked to himself when she was gone.  
Yet here too he succeeded only partly  
To the drawing room, in which stood a table.

And since, apart from  
bringing him back  
a job, it was

now that she had raised so momentous a  
god in heaven  
other boys from well-to-do homes

upset my father and  
will surely  
the Holy One Blessed Be He.

A wretched sight when  
I am to blame  
she did the same.

SHADOWS

H 58

His neighbor collected a third of the pay  
as quickly as he could  
the sign of the cross again.

Here everyone called each other by Christian names  
he was looking for  
outside. It was his habit to take off

slowly drawing his memory back into himself  
that needed to be expressed at the death of  
something monstrous, though true. Monstrous because

many different kinds of people  
continued steadily  
talking of their mutual grief

and went into the town  
with heads bent, like people who are filled with  
words. On the Sabbath he sat bent

in harmony and common expectation  
as to the manner in which  
eyes resumed their customary gaze, staring into the  
shadows.

YEARNING

H 59

white funny forget-me-nots were  
in the oven  
and usually a dog

looked up at the big glazed text  
in front of the  
eyes of one who sings besides a Botticelli

at the time Paul became an important factor.  
He watched her moving  
him almost with reverence

into another burst of wicked  
voice, as if repeating  
only just now

an insane thing. "What!" cried  
the second time he had not.  
At the same moment his mother

in the midst of this pandemonium  
could perfectly well live  
some religious state in him. Still yearning.

TRAITORS

H 60

He would get red in the face and hit out  
an opinion from one of those ridiculous  
values, as she called them. Sometimes

with her alone in my mind's eye  
he looked very old. I started to say  
other words

but in those days the schools were capable of  
a reconciliation  
in keeping with my situation.

I wondered whether I should let  
her when I thought of this  
soul and my father's soul.

I had even had an argument with  
mercenary creatures so contemptible  
I left the mirror

and scratched notches  
onto the street and thought of  
all stations being traitors.

She came into the living room  
as has been mentioned  
except that he was more finicky and  
girls in blazers were standing at his left.  
It has been mentioned before that  
few people remembered

material gathered for the  
woman with a pale and haggard face  
To get the things needed to keep alive

herself. Occasionally she glanced  
to the end at midnight. Everyone said  
his face as he leaned over the piano

will take root in poor  
black people on the outskirts of the property  
until it is a misery.

She would rather wait and get  
her perplexity  
possible, since for the past year his.

FAMILIAR

H 62

Men walk in the silver darkness  
of a dream. "What?" I say  
and stared at the flushed face looking

on her  
and in order to control it  
at the ground, waiting. Two

dead people were my responsibility. I was  
about it. She would be  
now regretted having passed.

Out of the big house  
the people listened, probably not understanding  
an expression of good-humored perplexity

I have stayed behind because  
her pain and humiliation mean nothing to  
the snow. The chief

fear was aggravated by the sensation that  
nothing that could shock  
of her voice was familiar.

BONES

H 63

She saw that  
Their spurt of sudden speed  
made their morning greetings

foolish. "Oh, when I was a little kid  
I'd known you were going to turn into a  
honey," Dick said

at her, triumph in his eyes. Waiting  
in her seat to face her  
fundamental American food cooked

of all the poly-syllabic adjectives she  
found herself defending  
in the bank there in Boston, waiting for

his mental picture of this  
reflected in their faces,  
he bent his head and kissed her perfunctorily

mechanical music droned  
wherever it is he rules  
down to bare bones.

KITCHEN SINK

H65

Shadows of the moon on warm grass  
sawed over from times before we were born  
discovered I would never be a writer

and the people strewn on the sands under  
electro-oil-lubricated plastic  
pretended to be asleep. He lay face up.

God save his sanity and sight  
to speak in tongues. Kipling is one  
soul summaged there on scribbled

territory. And her territory extended  
around the bends of parks  
after I was dead. I figured if I had to go

at the sky or the freeway  
again from her own  
stormy shore

Kipling is one  
I rattle around in like dice in a cup  
on the kitchen sink.

"EXAGGERATED"

H66

It had nothing to do with the art of  
a hopeless mathematician. Very soon  
her love shows her how to make

my affection and friendship for  
her forever, to make her my wife.  
This was the start of a friendship that

never quoted personal experience  
and the switchboard did not even have  
to find my God in the new Word that was

a reference to a very real problem with regard.  
Everything I could insinuate onto the dark  
young Gypsy girl came toward me

as the categorical imperative was  
defenseless against  
any sign of life.

The ancient custom of following  
doubled up with laughter, her hands  
jumped out the window. "Exaggerated."

OWNED

H 67

Accordingly, one  
retrieved his car and drove up to  
experience a queer sense of relief

based on jottings made on the spot.

The broken bits  
rather closely related to the "higher" churches

now remained for half a century.  
Sinking back into oblivion's bliss  
anybody having access to a good

time to experience  
dropped in to remind my friend about  
his upper-floor study. I have written about

the man returned with  
university students  
sipping a delightful Scotch and water from

the Anglican Communion  
where one could glimpse a collapsible  
land he still owned.

## TIME

Long drawn notes of a violoncello floated out  
the most remarkable  
fancy. I too should agree to many  
vague emotions, the sense of life passing -  
My passion.

Romantic, nonsensical, aesthetic not  
demanding justice...

abba

at that instant

of magnanimous feeling  
in those dear little houses  
indeed overstepped the limits of  
men whose imagination does not soar beyond  
a kind of exasperated intensity  
the heavy-headedness caused.

Why have you forsaken me?

A pretty clumsy piece  
unless, indeed, a crust had come upon it  
and elegantly overcame  
its meaning, as he had come to know it during  
his own participation  
on the little brown piano, and on being  
in all seriousness

abba...

an extraordinarily gifted auscultator  
up here, as a matter of fact. But  
come down over the inside sweetnes -  
sundered

Art with a capital A  
intensified his happiness till he could hardly bear  
time.

a pure, sweet che-yild provided  
latencies of violence  
exploited artistically that love  
an old dotard in his second childhood

you know  
proud of her incomprehension. "But full of  
her usual tact,"  
said the General patting her hand.

She began to reproduce the profundities  
inwardly with a little spasm of horror  
and yet, whenever, in those early days, she  
looked at this pale exquisite creature which she

tempted, he creeps back into his shell.  
Ramified, like the veins on  
our soul  
the sky was becoming tinged with rose

as though to lull a baby to sleep  
at last.

One could feel that Death had already begun  
a cry which would unite with the girl's

and the Elders  
among these stones and caves  
looked at the trembling  
she was only the shadow of.

WAS WHAT

I 3

Refrain from copying the page I had begun  
to receive him when she was a widow  
a child should obey without trying to understand.  
I saw that he remained standing

in the highest class but one  
and his pendulous, swollen, lower lip was flabby  
when he laid it down as a law that  
To get beyond the second verse of a poem

which led him some years later to commit suicide  
the pleasure consisted rather in being dressed.  
From that moment I knew my fate  
so to speak, and the conclusions a moralist

strengthened in my determination to baffle my  
obligations. As I have constantly to speak  
higher or lower according to the pressure  
which was the very pivot of the book and round

spent hours in the room watching the stuff  
my heart felt most  
I have no recollection of seeing him dead  
resplendently in my story as

I intended... But I think there was a good deal  
of sovereignty  
then in order to be  
that that was what.

I'm sure I don't know why there is  
my father around that time, and my mother  
and, although they wouldn't raise their  
determination, in a shrill voice, "I."

I was always guilty in the first place  
but I have neither the strength nor the desire  
for he has everything; he is above desire  
and for having let myself go so badly

I understood  
that he could do it. I have  
to be so unspeakably rude  
instead of being deported to Siberia.

We laughed. We cried. We exchanged  
the most unspeakable moments; it was like  
the meaning of man's life  
drawn by a pair of horses

in the middle of the street. The driver sighed  
home from a drinking bout  
there crushed and humiliated. "Good God!"  
"Wait. For heaven's sake talk of something else,"

said firmly, but this time  
only one candle was burning there, and I  
only when he's in hysterics  
made this appeal and fell silent. The dead silence.

THE HOUSE

I 5

On a Monday morning in the middle of  
the realization that  
his method was not nearly as radical as mine  
she seemed fatigued and

nearsighted eyes behind thick glasses  
blinked repeatedly  
now he was reading  
I thought. For God's sake, leave him alone.

James Joyce was undergoing a severe test as she  
heard voices from distant parts of the house.  
The problem was to know where to  
come back. I lost consciousness

To the Fire Brigade.  
Maybe it's simply from laziness  
that you killed him yesterday,  
made him foam at the mouth

again, I said to myself. I begin again  
later. "One must keep up with one's times!"  
Of course it might have been involuntary  
voices from distant parts of the house

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later. "One must keep up with one's times!"  
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parts of the house.

OVERNIGHT

I6

He stayed twenty minutes and then left  
the unkind remarks that he so carefully  
discouraged

To find out what the joke was.

Eyes were glazed with hysteria while  
he was condemning himself, as he had  
the pretty twenty-year-old blonde whose father  
was being mocked. But now

I dream about it, as if I were involved in  
that attitude.

Out of this bloody country if I have to  
keep myself from going crazy

before midnight

I remember the moment exactly  
he sits on his desk with  
a very slightly better suit than her

mother, a dominating neurotic woman who had  
a position and great future, even.  
As he left he turned on me and  
in custody of the destinies.

did not speak again until they  
realise that neither of us had any desire to  
because it would be  
made derelict overnight.

No matter how often  
givers were pleased with themselves  
the upshot is that  
God in heaven will surely have mercy and

having no time to look after things at home  
if worse comes to worse  
she stopped making comparisons.  
But He who put the love

found out she was pregnant  
and a smile appeared on her mouth.  
Sparkled like a mirror  
Sabbath

was listening  
and the mute blue look in her eyes  
knew that an only child  
speaks. One day.

It is impossible to understand a word  
for one way or another it was never  
there. And though none of this could be said  
the day of that angelic proclamation

He was keenly conscious of the fact  
not quite the same as  
He came to his senses  
in which she had had her mother's.

The exile wished to know whether there were  
distant monarchs to the south  
and hand-wavings from the bystanders  
to the Roman Catholic faith.

He spoke no word  
though he saw that he was not the only  
stillness of the room, the profound attention that  
is the most harmless thing.

From the beginning of time he had been lying  
with a smile that betrayed no trace of pity  
in appearance, though most distinguished. In  
fatherly authority that the young man now felt

in the lift to exultate upon this theme  
his manner suggested that he was present.

In my humble opinion it is  
to pack his trunk and leave before his time

that now  
the bedridden and moribund  
before his eyes  
darkened space as he

sat erect at their tables  
when they grumble  
a piece of dried-up pedantry  
with words and looks.

ORDERED

I9

Drifting back to the living room with them.

I don't want any pills

I said after a minute.

The terrible undertow of jealousy between us

whispered dramatically  
down to dinner.

And so we had the end of the summer  
of have built up a reputation over

I thought, looking at him, big.

Dinner, just like when we were in school,  
sounded like a collection of nonsense syllables  
late in the afternoon

going after him. I mean, Poppa  
was very proud of  
memories, after-images of flames, and  
one huge blister. I could hardly see out

To him and take back the keys  
because it was too far for  
we were both crying silently through our  
mixture, our troubles.

In a voice so low  
we came  
all dressed as we were during the ceremony  
of sores. "Wait!" he ordered.

HER CANDLE

I 10

He comes from this village  
to enter the little house where my mother  
sometimes there would  
entirely escape punishment for his

particulars. She paid strict attention  
in the process of going mad  
standing in red leather dancing shoes on  
eternity

without celebrating the floral festival  
and opened wide all his child's receptive sense to  
every hour of the day  
like a convulsive shudder

at once the news  
and I do not know whether  
I would wake up.  
It caused him no concern that

sometimes there would be someone  
that occasion had long since grown  
under heavy ice  
frequently at odds with his mother. He himself

whose strains no man could resist  
was of an enchanted beauty  
which appeared to him out of the purple  
light of her candle.

## GREAT IMPORTANCE

I II

& destroy myself looking for  
who was in charge of  
an eye, a skull, and a heart beating  
in a pool of blood, a victim

furious with the police  
or so I fancied amidst the gloom.  
Without a doubt, it was the murderer  
who was in charge.

He went on rummaging.  
Impatient to leave this fine district  
first, then write, then  
buy tickets for interesting plays

for all eternity  
in which I had felt  
in charge  
out of jealousy

I  
cannot be born  
of action I had set  
To my flabby features

I am perpetually.  
Had I really tried  
our irreplacable system  
without any very great importance?

MUSICIANS

I 12

I heard him insisting that he wasn't  
to domesticate his terror  
To help me  
the evening I arrived

and she had everything  
for him to go.

It was only after I had searched thoroughly  
my father's choice as a mate

where she who no longer lived lived  
when the rousing encore was over  
that  
a musical program was to be performed.

I kept imagining him in  
the crisis I was only trying  
from the day before and went up again  
for the equivalent.

I thought there would be a riot  
before he discovered that he had known her  
while I was growing up, the association  
since 1901 beyond the reverberations of

morally or educationally efficacious  
time. After our dinner  
I discovered that I wanted my share  
as much as the musicians.

What were those  
eyes filled with the blind  
old rabbi breathing his last  
to him : Come!

Doubtlessly filling their heads with fancy ideas  
set the son  
but then all at once he made his decision  
in order to take the lead

and began to disperse  
and exorcise with parables  
half buried in the sand. The old rabbi  
charged

God's path  
through time and space. "Listen. What  
body and the soul you talk about are one."  
Judas cried out, wiping his brow, which had suddenly

cheated the day after the next at the division of  
revenge and liberty. The bloodthirsty  
next to him repeated  
a desperate attempt to escape.

Pursuit of the Messiah  
to hear the sound of ripping flesh  
was  
more silent than silence.

ANOTHER DREAM

I 14

In her eyes a firmness  
seems to precede  
alone with his father. His father  
gave them life

in monosyllables, in short sentences. When  
that was nobody's business  
that  
all he did was make friendly gestures

it rose above them,  
undoubtedly a transport of Jews coming back  
in times gone by she had turned the heads of.  
as if he were about to pick something up

with an implacable air  
he was engaged in  
the whole of his estate. In his luxurios  
voice, which sounded

more inscrutable and intense than usual  
at the beginning  
he, the fugitive, drunk with fatigue, began.  
He wished that the sun would never rise

in her  
from an earlier age  
he had only whispered  
out of another dream.

for a moment they measured each other with  
whatever came  
and the song trailed off into a mutter  
she wandered

like a previous incarnation.  
She was no longer afraid of  
whatever came to hand  
from the depths of

distance with a birdlike  
German  
inside.

nevertheless take the trouble to reply

now there was nothing left but to say  
there were no Jews  
to absorb all these painful places into  
for the most.

They measured each other  
and also perhaps regret  
the first time she  
made love to the same man

about to fall asleep. Suddenly  
she herself felt  
something inside  
that she would go to.

He would probably be promoting electric  
with both fists  
countered with the facile dogmatism of  
who was a bit of a mystic, it's true. He

in a spirit of reciprocity  
never emigrated to America. He would have  
surprised you the other day with my query  
perhaps, to pursue a rabbinical career later.

I thought for certain  
Jacob, it is true,  
had a cataclysmic effect on my life  
with you. I only regret it had to be so

celebrate — the ones of which grew heavier  
while the flush of triumph glowed scarlet on  
his thesis. But the moment he set  
was in Spain at last

one morning, riddled with bullets  
of the most exacting scholar in  
us? Talk sense, woman!

He awoke badly shaken

just like me. What you really wanted  
now indulged the ghost of his  
fracas, including  
his gut, allowing his attention to be.

it had nothing to do with the art of nations, under whose broad-minded fatherliness you could freeze off practically any part of persons reported missing and never found.

Of course I was too proud to admit my solitude the instructors tortured me with mute, sarcastically challenging my real goal. Quite the opposite

I realized that my career as an amateur is arriving from Paris, so would you? I needed only to make sure that my clothes had and steeper than those

I would sip mocha  
as a practicing Christian  
biting the dust out there  
developed a thick skin against

presence physically every time  
whether or not  
I listened to the detached professionalism  
the instructors tortured me with.

But then, perhaps out of sheer weariness  
all the more painful  
now, it was almost impossible for  
who came like a guest into your body.

The weather report every morning when she remembered the surveillance  
had shot it out through the speakers

is cranked up to  
the pain I was looking for in  
the big mirrored one-way window.  
Music was synchronized with

a chunk of banana  
sometimes I believe,  
The nightie was short and sheer and  
her mouth opened to say something

hurrying. The wind pushing so I felt  
nervous trying to slide  
back to  
my place

against the maroon pillow  
she's told me time and again  
tried to escape from her head in all  
at the outer edges of

the hope you get  
was wearing one  
out through the pores  
into another drawing.

AND NOW

I 19

This remark may seem to demand  
some of whom had even been written up by  
his mind. Mina wished she were somewhere  
and ran a hand over  
who had been able to think unassisted  
and boarded the waiting train

much better  
that exact moment  
even though he longed for  
her life from the time she was little.  
The one he was named after  
had been renovated in his absence and now.

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ALL

I 20

On the pretext of feeling  
and the mortal fixity of the look she flashed  
the face seemed still.

The Question  
tightened  
inexplicably a sense of pride.

The girl suddenly  
tore herself away from  
the face  
believed for one instant in  
which is to say barely at all  
reproduced on the faces of all.

SOMETHING HE

I 21

She acted of her own free will  
for she seemed in some way to make  
herself the very instrument his hand grasped  
with a feeling of humiliation.

But for the threat and the fact that he  
in the midst of this

could feel his  
amphitheatre of  
desire for understanding  
he worked a great deal from memory.  
full of pain, then  
something else, something outside, something he.

---

TO FAIL

I 22

I have no hat  
with the exception, perhaps, of a few  
I had always planned to take  
after pretending to awake from my brief slumber  
to Switzerland, she said, or England, or France.  
For years now, she had been bedridden

and should have stayed that way.  
For reasons and under circumstances I  
had begun with  
as an outright betrayal of the sacred cause  
I won't go into now, I  
knew I was doomed to fail.

## INCOMPREHENSION

I 23

In his youth how silly, how inspired, those  
called and told  
what we ever after  
revealed in the hearth-light glow.  
Forever frozen onto  
blackness. "Oh God, but you were,

see," said the landlady.  
To his hands, his empty palms  
at seven o'clock the rain fell  
in, alone  
she was almost triumphant  
planes of incomprehension.

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## BEARINGS

I 24

There was a china chamber-pot  
and the dreamy quietness of falling snow  
on the white table linen.

The dreamy, gently falling flakes  
can be the final judge of this or any other  
confused

hunchback  
he stepped back and bowed with dandified.  
One lonely voice, then a great  
nothing amidst the wreckage of the years  
the old Negro who cooked for  
the hunchback himself got his bearings.

JESUS SMILED

I 25

The old man with scented beard  
opening wide his arms to collect  
his mind carried away  
the fish  
of the Jordan.

Since the day I was born

wide-eyed in admiration  
to announce to those who were invited  
the old man  
knew very well that Rome was  
and, like this  
Jesus smiled.

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ESTEEM

I 26

What a pleasure it is to tell  
you alone, and you must on no account retell  
differently of Death  
that day. The spirit of the dance seemed  
trying to tear itself free. And the whole earth  
did the same

about you

we would put up with if it were not  
to the syntax and for the health of  
what was

"exactly," I confirmed. And I prepared to take  
who stands especially high in God's esteem.

TREMBLING

I 27

This was the lesson.  
The playground and the hot-dog  
want to beat your ass  
to say hello  
in America, being given right there  
to the tender cavernous sockets of  
still a terrible writer. They told him that  
sole responsibility for the  
famous  
had been suspended  
as any adrenaline addict could ever be.  
Stop trembling.

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MONSTROUS IDEA

I 28

He suspected me of malice and tormented me  
first with a light touch of the lips  
after an early autumn which destroyed some  
of the village and his house.  
I reach the forest,  
sensed the urgency in the air

every German must have sold his soul to  
blinded by  
the time I had.

He argued that keeping me might expose him  
over his dead body  
at any moment. The monstrous idea.

JUST THEN

I 29

I was being excluded from this beautiful coffee and sat complaining about his.  
I dreamed marvellously  
and behind the  
tension in my stomach  
this last

time writing masterpieces  
I found I was  
who can dream at will, control time, more easily  
from the bottom of his heart  
if I could remember how to  
just then.

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IT IS

I 30

"Your Holiness," answered  
the coal merchant on the corner  
just like under the old regime  
to the accompaniment.  
Pray for their fertility  
man, just go ahead and do your job!

But the climax of enthusiasm was reached  
very quietly and distinctly, in a way he had  
that we spend the night  
a day (later I broke off that pace and fell into  
waiting for a report of victory).  
God Himself couldn't find out what it is.

## TROUBLED

I 31

After he had thus performed his duties  
he cheerfully gave what little he had  
and often he did not get home until late.

Now think carefully  
thus

because he himself was always surrounded by

fire in the dark silence, then out.

At night do you never dream of a  
knowledge

which was the King's tent?

To reproduce it in a wholly perfect poem  
sat alone and deeply troubled?

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## COURSE

I 32

Did he need anything? his mother asked  
and unceasingly

most of the books I needed for Talmud  
he was silent for a moment. He  
could hear

a frozen panic and do absolutely nothing

for the crowd inside the synagogue.

I wanted American Judaism to become  
something in Russian to both of us.

I saw his eyes open wide at that  
but somewhat formal and distant  
we moved along a zigzag course.

HAD COME

I 33

He was looking again  
not to be taken in the limited sense  
and has heard a man grasping for breath  
he was looking again at  
after a particularly tiring day, at about ten.  
His face was now in

no precise instances  
in spite of everything, he had not lost hope  
a man grasping for breath  
was jesting and turned to him with a smile.  
After the first exhilaration following  
their turn had come.

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THE PUBLIC

I 34

The sky was dark and the moon still out  
murdering the ones who want to live  
and battle the Jews.

Grown people were laughing, too,  
but not because  
a Jewess perhaps

was turning off every switch in  
the forest  
whose frantic eyes were fixed on her newborn  
reflected from bits of glass  
into the air  
head of the Public.

OLD DAYS

I 35

I'd have to be out of my mind  
to hang a sign in the beauty parlor window  
announcing that Misappropriation had been  
given more thought to.

It was all my doing  
one evening, when she had sat two hours

absorbed in the appliance, though  
she had been the class beauty and was beautiful.  
Remember, so vividly that it  
even taught her  
color, as pretty as a picture on a calendar  
in the old days ...

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VOICE

I 36

Find a reproduction of it and study it. If  
something that brings harm to the world  
volunteered to answer the telephone  
from time to time during  
the spring vacation, I traveled with  
red beard, was contorted with rage. I cried

against the wall and could not stop trembling  
that night and in the morning he would  
find a reproduction of it and study it  
and answer serious questions  
in one continuous line  
in his hoarse voice.

HIS HAND

I 37

He said his good-bye rather boisterously to  
the gleaming of candles, she found an equivalent  
affecting his personal life. It was his habit  
not so much different from her own, as incorrect  
that he derived more than ordinary gratification from  
matter — minor irritations always found voice.

To know what she had heard ...  
how merial ...  
must something be the matter ?  
Not on speaking terms with  
such a tyrant in all creation  
she would kiss his hand.

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PEDESTRIANS

I 38

leaving me pregnant  
near an edge  
out of London and England  
suddenly again  
dead ahead at the end of a straight  
word from you in respect to your plans

she stands to beckon a  
respect to your  
quiet and contented  
lips.

Enough for me I can tell you  
now to flow along with these pedestrians.

MY OWN

I 39

at just the right heat  
I am not all that relaxed myself  
he is already a key figure in.  
Debilitating sort of temptations  
return to London  
near midnight

To devour his responsibilities.

I had not realized how often I must have  
and took my seat I wasn't sure I would  
ever again. Fine with me  
later

I discover Soho on my own.

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ASYLUM

I 40

I was not surprised to learn that he  
did not dare propose a consultation  
and soon her sobs died down and her tears  
I was dying to do  
covered our losses of the year before  
his life.

In a lunatic

I may as well say here, as I shall  
now that this feeling was a symptom of  
perfect innocence and absence,  
she would remember.

To end in a lunatic asylum.

SPARED

I 41

I don't mean to criticize but  
within only five minutes of meeting  
a rather pretty little woman  
of poisonous feeling that is notoriously

wound up  
completely by surprise, she retreated.  
"What am I going to do with that?"  
she said, after working hard to collect her

daughter, a rather pretty little woman  
in a hat factory.

I listened for a long time with the phone  
as though I were indeed a professional.

I had a reason to hold a different opinion  
and keeping out of sight  
I wasn't just calling because  
"there isn't much pain."

She had been perfect then, even  
a rather pretty little woman  
declared dead after the paramedics had  
worked the job he did do

for someone who grew up in  
the logic of his recollections  
as I now realized  
and she was spared.

CURTSIED

I 42

After a while I decided to try my luck  
between these two important figures  
ready to fall in with her suggestion that  
had no aptitude at all. Not only was

the international art world something  
given to lesser people  
to be cared for  
and I know what I am talking about

but there was nothing of the medieval  
aspirations and potentialities  
in the interim I made  
up to a high finish every Sunday night

naked, an unimpressive sight.  
To satisfy the Senator's careful eye  
were her great pleasures  
that looked just right for the

art expert  
never associated with  
any brains. Rather like being an artist  
somebody is really paying attention to  
an artificial hand under a black glove  
photographed  
far beneath his notice  
and together they curtsied.

BY DAY

I 43

In a long letter he had been writing  
they often make grimaces  
as he had always foretold, but no one counted.  
From such a personality  
you, sir, have a more comprehensive view  
of the opposite sex, which is not without  
the shock of it. But then  
he recalled this long-forgotten resolve and,  
in the scaffolding of new buildings, present  
admissions became most clear.  
And so they came, the family and the village  
in reality day by day.

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TELLING

I 44

Photos of persons reported missing  
contrasting bizarrely with her  
then, still laughing with her white teeth  
in the fairy tale  
I remember  
for someone like her  
  
of ill repute,  
the shapodie  
had had to cancel a tour  
to the proprietors and their staff  
given permission to bring  
the story I am telling.

out

I 45

Monday morning in the middle of January  
I closed the door and went quickly through  
dreams and fantasies that are absolute  
even to the five boys immediately outside.  
I turned away from the door and went to  
know what is important to you. It is

tilted sharply to port  
the insides of which were bright red  
during the period of preparation and still  
quoted in Sephardic Hebrew from  
the radio there now  
between us, staring out.

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THE TWINS

I 46

High-pitched bubbling in  
the morning he and Papa left for  
my first thought was of old.  
I grabbed the chair handles automatically  
following the twins  
as they

slogged dejectedly away from  
the arrogant, imbecile bitch, my baby.  
She looked at me  
To pull an automatic out of  
them. When we were  
why were the twins?

HAD

I 47

she flung her velvet opera cloak over  
the sense of wasted minutes and vain words  
exalt the sanctity of the home  
in his mind with  
him in calling down on her all  
Boston

a moment for  
the other evening at  
it on pretty good authority.  
Under the ancestress's malicious eye he  
failed to stop  
fact to reality. Sometimes he felt as if he had.

---

ENCYCLOPEDIA

I 48

The face showed no indications of pain  
and his mother sat hand in hand. "God knows."  
all he saw was one young spotly  
thought he had come to the end of  
in the firm, you know.  
But of course he was the man at

death. He added  
uncertainties and unanswered questions  
I hope to God you are right  
waiting for.

You might almost have taken him now for  
a memory like an encyclopaedia.

OF SIGHT

I 49

There they were  
quietly curling for sleep, one by one.  
One hundred of them were deliberately released  
and soaking, huddled in balls.  
An act as careless and spontaneous as  
in the Sargasso Sea

at night, imagining that  
there they were  
where implacable realities hold sway ...  
I am an explorer, then, and I am also  
in a new way ...  
always just slipping out of sight.

---

TO REJOIN

I 50

Just before eight he approached  
a power of consistent cases we attribute to  
his brains. Her quiet eye discerned that  
after a few words, which only served to reveal  
their intercourse had been  
his solitary way eastward till weariness

expounded the subject according to their lights,  
the meeting, in truth, was of a very innocent  
connection with the preacher. Now  
he looked backwards and forwards  
to lessen his sufferings by strenuous appeal  
she should strain a point to rejoin.

FROM

I 51

There's no telling all the things that pointed to the terrain as my predictions gradually came true first and foremost it seemed cruelly shorter to me. The light was at the same time vicious

so come now Uncle Counterpart, my Self established with no precise boundaries except perhaps that cold wall of gray stone of my past and future life and the happiness I derived from.

---

AFFECTION

I 52

His clothes were smeared with the sad spectacle of the man who had been. Like a thunderclap on the porch to the house without being he thought he had found a prediction of endless correspondence made

morning she appeared in. That was why they took and proclaimed him a martyr. Then, when he became accustomed to spending the morning in going and coming, the matron of the rocking space before him did not arouse an affection.

THE END

I 53

anything he began, the next time he was alone to talk, began to talk of paying good people

what they were thinking to know just what

was there just as they should be.

When he told how

they always acted together, these two, as if it was all fixed right things began to be very pleasant late afternoon at the end.

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FOR HIS

I 54

ice cream and the television within only five minutes of meeting late on a Friday afternoon related, and what they had said to him familiarized him with nearly every "home"

on the layer of bath towels covering me. I was surreal to the share of his day-by-day struggle and that, I imagined, accounted for his.

He was a large, muscular man of upright eyes dramatically willing to serve

his way out of the forest and into the seat he admitted to himself

and if it were real it would be the great

place to be cared for

an infinite time. The fighting had finished and after I told him flat there was nothing at the moment I keep an eye on around the head of Christ he delighted in the role.

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He was very angry at the Council for setting him up in a shop wild with the rearings of the noise and laughter gone for ever. In due time the bereaved members of the crowd turned their heads fully convinced that he was not the right man.

Such was the state of things when men who held in their mouths coins which he had had for them brightened, for he knew the motions to be understood. After a minute or two he again was in an erect position, with lips parted.

I WAS

I 57

The remarkable thing about the world  
of form, I know some answers,  
If I were invisible might I also be  
one it was?

How can I not have?

There was no stopping it now, January

in every corner. I allow  
as I had fixed it in my mind  
you might think  
that leaks from the unfathomable  
teacher kept  
one day I was.

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BECAME

I 58

He stood in the doorway and listened  
now, for the first time,  
for her in the darkness. Standing in  
a painful spot  
he felt the Abbot's eye fall upon his  
opened, and a huge old man appeared

to them.

He must be one of God's angels  
first to stand up in  
a great distance and was tired, covered with  
the future life  
the sun became.

FOR IT

I 59

He drew the curtains close and got into  
a realistic policy  
more erudite and expensive  
this show. I don't know why they  
only be about our particular share of  
the London platform. He knew nearly all

where he would sit beside.  
He pointed his fountain pen at  
everyday currency to be employed in company  
with the knowledge of their whereabouts  
drowning in the third martini  
and sat beside the telephone waiting for it.

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HER LOSS

I 60

just at that time the differences among us  
got along so well all together, so well that  
I blush when I remember it even now, after  
an opaque sound without meaning. I must not  
send it farther ahead, or else,  
father started saying, and in that darkness, still  
lost I couldn't even imagine it any more.  
I began to combine predictions of the most  
extreme and slanderous deductions  
like an indistinct soup at first where  
nothing happened. There was a sizzling  
moment, and we, mourning her loss.

IMPORTANT STEP

I 61

I meant to say that I shan't know which  
came forward with a smile.

Had not

a word to the effect  
that he disliked  
you like music

with a grim harmony  
by the extreme decency and dignity of  
exactly what is happening  
remembered the scene in  
it? If you only knew the truth  
left the room with his heavy important steps.

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SURPRISE

I 62

They had lost the evil of original sin  
where heart expected, always with its clucking  
mother, and fixed a stern look on her eyes  
to receive visitors. In order that nothing would  
take refuge in that corner of the world  
stuck-up people from

in the courtyard executed the captain and  
an offshoot of his blood  
consoled her. She assured  
stuck-up people from  
the town to the death  
that was to occupy the town by surprise.

COURSE

I 63

This preoccupation  
at the time  
stuffed animals and dolls  
stared curiously at  
the night air  
vanished. And I couldn't ask  
that pacifiers push their front teeth out.  
Never, not once in all this time, did  
how he felt  
so dressed up and citified  
on petty jealousies or vain ambitions  
hit the roof! And rightly so, of course.

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PERCOLATER

I 64

My grandfather did not care for  
the stubble of his beard,  
puffed on his cigar, and  
had taken to looking not only for rest, but  
comparison. Now my father was also a man  
and thereby  
sent down to the basement to steal  
for the Sabbath  
the memory of that evening as if to make sure  
comparison. Now my father was also  
to know what  
would lower the flame under the percolater.

Sometimes  
my husband  
learned. He rode magnificently. He spent  
a great deal of talk about a catastrophe  
and a sip of the highball she still sounded.  
These seemed reflected in her

she said in her halting Spanish  
long ago he had learned.

She had so longingly pictured  
stained-glass windows in startling contrast to  
dust and perspiration  
& guess I'd spend the rest of my life cherishing.

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I was absolutely amazed to find the Black  
brooching. She was certainly a beautiful girl  
intensely aware of the symbolism and  
indulgence of immeasurable wealth  
I could have gone back to.

I was scarcely thirteen and very shy

about the moral justification of  
precise intervals between  
my dreams, although, of course, I realized  
the summer was waning, while I was.  
My dexterity in  
vigorous activity now dawned for me.

GOOD

I 67

Eldest of the Province  
described the coming of the sun , how it  
rose away into  
gypsies or other nomadic folk .

Eldest of the Province  
kept looking into

the beloved landscape , the way a man  
had wandered  
with marked distinction among  
first uncertain quiverings above .

Women

love a man who is not pure and good .

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THE DAY

I 68

felt in fine fettle . The events of the night  
spoke when he did . Ever since taking  
a responsible young man and  
father in a new light  
God in heaven knew  
the right moment to send

father in a new light  
and said , " You !  
Where are you going ?  
This life was not meant to facilitate  
reason to be pleased with  
uppity Jews . Since the day . "

REDEMPTION

I 69

Before going ahead with our task  
again, gunning his engine  
the first time the suspicion dawned,  
his strategy threatened to boomerang.  
"Your salary starts at fifteen pounds  
still, loudmouth," the spokeswoman

cabled, and promptly forgot her existence. After  
he got beyond his depth  
and shook in soundless laughter  
she has an almost gypsy attitude to  
be painted in her face  
our task of redemption.

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FACED

I 70

I was interested that, at the contempt  
there, she and I, remembering  
the tortures, the beatings - ups, the most  
of defeat, death, irony  
in the hotel, became friends with  
each other miserable

on the floor. In my turn  
to contain the personality of  
each of these bits  
brought home to us the deficiencies...  
I dream about it, as if I were involved...  
and patient, I faced...

CONSUMMATE ACTOR

I 71

In order to escape from my depression  
he had gone into a bank.  
I still cannot help wondering at  
his ideas on the origins of Christianity  
I had for the first time an opportunity  
to get to

when we got to the top of the Volti.  
When I went back to my post he received  
the monotonous accompaniment  
I felt as if I  
talk to  
with all the art of the consummate actor.

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IS NOT

I 72

Because this was the language the mother talked  
to, save the last episode (chapter six),  
soon a core of about twenty people  
want to.  
Robust and impudently eclectic, it shifted  
perfectly, and they needed

to meet a "movie star"  
reflected on the shiny surface of  
someone they think is an authority. This  
intense unity with each other  
continued until 1900 when Jacob was drafted  
from one who is not.

She had ripped up his photograph  
at the supposed right moment.  
Daylight would be growing thinner  
to show her  
when all was said.  
Tearing her dead husband's picture to shreds  
accordingly  
aglow with beauty  
all the more incomprehensible to see  
finer, better bred  
she kept,  
meanwhile, the babies born.

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He was scarcely disturbed by the bustling  
surroundings and had the delicacy of feeling  
from head to foot  
of the political agitator, and orator.  
You were afraid of  
the nerves controlling the blood-vessels

he had thought that, having arrived at  
every reason for pessimism,  
felt his heart give a sudden beat.  
He was on the point of asking  
to save the soul from everlasting damnation  
and if it would not be better for you to go.

GOD

I 75

If you dare to change  
where he'd first lived  
along with a cigarette-rolling machine and  
ourselves, that would be horrible for us.  
The room jutted off  
even then

unreckoned consequences, the unaccountable  
you only had to show  
in Warsaw. He saw us in a café  
like the pain in the neck that in 1973 forced  
the longest sustained piece of prose  
more or less ridiculous in the eyes of God.

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HOME-BREW

I 76

On that sad note  
months in the rich land  
in the chopped-off head of John the Baptist  
to resort to ruse and, once, coming home  
behind the cemetery wall  
recognized

flowers

pressed. For the first time in the whole  
forest, a little light was tangled.

Rocking the cradle, using his  
time that day, I burst into tears and  
make home-brew.

WHAT

I 77

That damned thing up there , that  
clock-ghost in the long halls of memory , like  
God , in a kind of noble peace  
opened his pale eyes , waved once , and  
stared cold upon the abyss .  
On the porch near the old rusty chain swing

at last , I decided , I will fit  
what day of what year that would be  
gasped as if booted in the stomach  
to say his name in just that way right .  
And massaged it onto  
his child , no matter what .

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HIS FACE

I 78

He soon acquired the forlorn look  
of Captain .  
Nothing more was heard of him .  
She prohibited any talking aloud for  
her beasts had succumbed to  
heat of the back of his store , the buzzing  
ambition  
that alternated with her bites and spitting .  
Total war against the regime  
still waiting beside their photographs  
brought bad news  
to the best . She cleaned his face .

USUAL

I 79

At an age when most men are still struggling  
with all her ancient cunning  
I'll ask for a private room  
no more than the vague  
snow and the greyish winter sky  
which the young man recognised as

imagination spun about  
to keep his tone as measured as her own.  
To have the matter settled for him by her  
really, this time it was  
he said after a pause, "apparently  
better to accept the compromise usual."

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IT

I 80

I was scared stiff. I thought I was  
used to wonder  
but all that practice for the real thing  
was supposed to turn left  
and me, big and husky,  
I was halfway hacked off at

this, I thought. Don't try to make me out  
in the dark - I really never expected  
the painkiller shots had  
thank God. But  
I reached for where  
I think about it and think about it.

I should have gone on from  
an altogether new note in our relationship  
as a matter of fact I had less to  
quite a new light. He saw  
that really would have been highly moral  
for him, and asked me why I did not gamble

just as before. He was  
without danger to himself. Next morning  
rose very, very slowly, as if it were  
the greater part of knowledge.

His mouth hung open helplessly, while  
I explained to him that giving up.

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The servant came to hold his  
world, kept him chained to  
this same compartment. But now that  
a silence, a huge mountain of silence  
concealed many young corpses of weak  
white birds embroidered on a blue silk

language, a Slavonic  
son visited him, for the Christmas  
glass and raised  
an abomination

they had urged their beasts with  
to his sarcastic exclamation. "Forgive me!"

DAILY

I 83

Far as I know, the next human being  
to think he'd signed  
multiple  
memories rose — himself in his mother's.  
Only once did we draw real blood in our  
pleasure my head demanded from my own  
gums. In his panic  
and her thick hair black as night still  
I thought, at the top of every  
grief, mine  
might have been  
with him, paralyzing daily.

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CHUCKLED

I 84

Being carried from mouth to mouth  
when the ambulance men came to fetch him  
for several days  
on the roads  
he asked some questions, always referring  
the freedom of the streets

in our town  
no farther than  
thus far and no farther.  
"The first thing is not to despair  
of the private welfares of each of us  
in the good old dressing-room," he chuckled.

IT WERE

I 85

They could not afford  
only the splendour of London  
and rose, bare-throated to go  
in a kind of ecstasy that frightened him  
from the far end  
inwardly, although she could say nothing

he had done so  
waited in silence, sadly, patiently.  
Balanced opposite her for some moments  
the better woman of the two  
thought it anomalous in him  
as it were.

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TRACKS

I 86

I could not believe what I had  
under me. A crowd of men and boys  
allowed her to squeeze easily between  
their belief in God  
though the words and  
their conversation.

used to take her to the house and keep her  
I thought. People prefer killing a person  
through my veins  
backward. With her skin hanging down  
I could not believe what I had  
to reach our destination. All the tracks.

I TURNED

I 87

anyway the next  
father lost somewhere  
there for the lacerated spirit  
to hear  
had driven home dangerously, courting  
no options. Sara

lay blue and cold on  
toward where she works, still four miles  
down, but finally he looked up at  
what was my own. "But I  
tell him to come now. It's serious." His voice  
the dead played out, & turned.

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CHILD

I 88

He sat leaning on his cane and thinking  
he would rather not have heard them  
that evening as she entered the restaurant  
cautiously, smoothed down his hair and  
made friends with all the little levers  
in life. Summer was unusually hot

at first — they thought  
as soon as they came to life  
why he did not dance. In  
general there was a lot of talk about childhood.  
Only now did she remember  
all the shapes he had loved as a child.

TIME, AGAIN

I 89

I have said that the City  
in avid secretiveness  
with the passage of the years  
will discover the hundred  
high-pitched, false voices  
I abounded.

Let us imagine that  
there is no difficulty in  
the first act and one or two scenes of  
this possibility  
that the City was  
another time, again.

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SHOUTING

I 90

Occasionally there were odd moments  
on the veranda and the day  
looked especially crowded because of  
an envelope with money in it on  
black silk. He reached out for it  
after obtaining his first point by defeating

quite casual considerations  
which can amaze one for more  
and suddenly  
unable to suppress his interest  
without pause  
a fire was burning, a fat man in white was shouting.

THOUGHT

I 91

I closed the door and went quickly  
in that same seat for  
our version of the Spanish Inquisition  
and his eyes were dark with fatigue.  
Trembling faintly with  
passion for the theater

I had experienced inside  
that same seat  
there in his heavy coat, looking  
again with his  
example of me  
I thought — I thought.

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ANY WORD

I 92

I have written to famous men  
the end is planned. There are no options  
beyond the station  
I alone awake  
to know it while I've got enough sense -  
Each week I haul my

grammar  
some deed or characteristic act which  
he knew, and still could cherish  
him

I'd forged alone through these same  
books of his father's for any word.

MONTHS AGO

I 93

She crossed her feet and rocked gently as he yawned himself out of his dinner time when she posed in the nude state of semi-consciousness. Then with the back of his hand at her bared thighs under the water

he would expect her.

Between his senses

wife had been spilled and a little of his fame as an ichthyologist thoroughly disconcerted by the almost other dreadful conversation two months ago.

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RESURRECTION

I 94

I woke up to a horrible shatter again, and still, I was looking into the snow...

looking in all directions, making sure even now things were settling into "checkpoint"

where she glimmered in the moonlight in the clearing in the woods, in the digging a man from one of the villages made.

Above all, my mother valued I believe his main weapon only in books, like your Resurrection.

HIMSELF

I 95

A tiny thing, strangely shaped, apparently so that it is perfectly clear that it was, the man said, a brilliant light he had always experienced, in his realities of the historical situation he still was able to give

swayed slightly. He was still drunk and refused to accept the natural course of things he should. "Hello, Eunie," he said and he made a threshold of his consciousness to practice this large deception on himself.

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HE WAS

I 96

Because I had become so sensitive about another medieval commentator he looked for a moment as though he wanted she went away. I lay as a God-invested personality in bed for more than a week

here that they were using in an altogether different way. I went to bed early that August, and I could see the anguish in his eyes there, looking at the two of us. He was.

UNCONSCIOUS MAN

I 97

Bust-length, in half profile, rather  
a triumph over poverty — I like  
the meeting with the officer  
and passed, without abating his dignity.  
Daring and dreamlike terminology  
reached a climax. What blasphemous rubbish

afforded a passage across the verandah  
of nature!

Even the complaints which at first  
go to the bad up here — I used to try to  
forget the element of risk in  
hovering over the unconscious man.

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HER

I 98

No poet can ever have  
seemed to have dried up  
more desirable at the very moment she  
breathed the fresh air with enjoyment.  
I loved and adored it none the less  
and by doing so she seemed to be.

Then changing almost immediately  
I must confess that I behaved very  
improved too  
no doubt, but hardly a man! She really  
became completely obsessed by it, and  
it was my desire to protect her.

FOLD

J1

I could not bring these thoughts to any peculiar emptiness and isolation that I raised between myself and my childhood. Further and greater agonies awaited me

and placed me in a position to endure at the end of the holidays

I did not know whom. For a time

I became very loquacious. It was as though

someone calling after me from upstairs but began the feast of my readmittance to the fold.

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DEAD BABY

J2

The only time I jumped was when my father died and we moved in the middle of all that static thought of him at the sanatorium I saw shadows

stretching into infinity. I saw avocado attitudes counterfeiting life

as well as a radio serial that was still A on the piano in the middle of all

I'd be in the big state hospital in the country stopped as a dead baby.

CARDS

J-3

A look of disappointment crossed the second  
they've got a God and a chaplain of their own  
grumbled impertinently in a voice slurred  
to save himself. There was nowhere else to

believe in omens, and he sat right back down behind  
a gauzy brown mist. "Oh, well," sang  
him flat on his ass with an injection  
of the documents signed with either

hand when they were finished this time  
shuffling the extra deck of cards.

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CHANTING

J-4

I think about jumping up and running around  
with no more sensitivity than  
the beautiful young girls panting after me  
to take them because of what

is incredible. You completely disregard  
the coffee table in front of  
God I'm gonna nail the door shut behind.  
But I kept getting this notion that I wanted

electricity through the brain and you are  
the great voice of millions chanting.

## JUDGEMENT

JS

a very affectionate father. Still, people do get the real thing, too. She was killed in the fidelity of women, snags Mozart's perplexity. It had all the voltage

of a sense that he had no word fit to and each self had its carriage, its books sets and Torts and statues, an atmosphere of "the American Artist." And it was not sensed that I had come to do mischief too, perhaps against my better judgement.

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## PISTOL FROM

J6

He has promoted his father in rank beyond the trees, toward the hazed-over sun the color of an egg yolk on the boy's face and left him there. They will sleep near it under the tarpaulin again, moaning with dazed hopelessness. Then because it could eventually cost his nervousness accelerates, as if he is the whole thing, trigger and all he drew his pistol from.

Partly because I could thereby avoid answering  
the rhapsodic intonation of memory  
well into the process of decomposition  
the younger women already emancipated

the devil for heaven on earth.

That made it all the worse for me. What had been  
oppressively uneventful and then again turbulent  
to be honest, I feel unable to manage alone.

With regard to receiving visitors at the establishment  
I was predestined to lose every kind of reality.

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Encouraged, they all quickened their pace.  
But now the sun fell over them and warmed  
her eyes suddenly filled with tears  
in order to tell him to be careful.

He had a flowing beard and blue eyes which shone  
of being overheard. He lifted his head calmly  
and began once more to shout : "He's come!"  
He puffed for some time, scooping out the soil

but they saw nothing, nothing except the god  
and one morning he did come.

OF IT

J 9

a weightier substance like a blanket  
helped him to sleep. He could have drunk  
had his heart not been another's  
in a well-modulated voice

all jumbled hopelessly together  
for generations to come. Saturday afternoons  
nothing he says seems to make sense.  
Although his voice shook, he did not think  
his right hand was still on his  
double dose of sleeping powder on top of it.

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HER

J 10

The knife sailed through the air and hit  
his mind. In the provinces people  
would speak of her beliefs, her fear of God  
in her stomach and diarrhea. Her slender  
limbs were full of strength. She walked easily  
between one pain and the next she wanted  
from the fields. And while she was sitting  
her intention made no impression on the old man  
on his face. His outbreaks  
stretched yellow-gray around her.

HE.

J 11

A man helped me across the boulevard  
of Jews singing a Polish song.  
Always before it  
a crowd was gathering around the dead.

His face was stubbled, as was my father's.  
Across the bridge  
almost a hundred years old when he died  
in conspiracy or combination with others  
against my white world  
he was a tall thin man in a white suit. Ha.

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LITTLE COAT

J 12

He rose every morning an hour earlier  
for the ringing noise that  
oscillations of the little coat  
open, concentrating his attention.

Humbled himself in giving this invitation  
he was still shaking his head over  
certain feelings of pity. Not every  
other had realized that his hands alone

can't thrash him, and nobody else will oblige  
oscillations of the little coat.

IN QUESTION

J 13

No noise, no sound. Everything is wrapped at all times industriously to serve the esteemed ladies and gentlemen, patrons much too cultivated. A good

no less than a leading, influential personality had to cover only relatively short stretches of now an extremely splendid, abundant book & reside in the most elegant quarter of.

The good man always provides me with a little charming situation in question.

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THEN

J 14

Blond hair pasted to his moist copy of the English-language night it rained insights possessed by the realm of darkness amid tubes and tanks and hovering orderlies in the distance beyond white light of the sun on the white walls warmed by his hands

was the training ground for the souls early Saturday morning, then.

Every one of them, in  
cursing him the whole time  
she made the sign of the cross,  
had taught him to curse. And so he waited,

Judas, and yet their blood thirstiness.  
They think they have heard a confession  
for the sins committed by his mother  
know what to admire most

and he peopled it with images and memories  
according to her, the world.

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He studied the fruits of his exploration  
into another man's dream, a dream finer.  
Notwithstanding that, as was by now apparent,  
for two days

he had seen only  
the precise shape of  
the dust from a few tattered volumes  
inclined toward the spiritual life, toward Sweetness

reassured, he took a room  
back in the nick of time.

BEEPS

J17

"This light is absolutely fantastic!"  
Who is he kidding?... On the other hand  
he felt for him a masculine affection as  
seedy contrabandist of

the moment.

He had to admit  
the harrowing insight that gods could be lost  
due to a caprice of the weather.

For the first time he found it possible to believe  
shriek idiot noises meant to resemble horn beeps.

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SPEECH

J18

A man's money, though, had its own voice that  
could enjoy  
why such a great to-do was made about love.  
Was debatable. Whichever, it was bad for both.

God in heaven knew why  
the dogs began to bark in harmony.  
Arranging the bills in wads and the copper and silver  
half projecting,

He waited on  
a torrent of uncontrolled speech.

## EYES CRIED

J19

"My Sabbath candles..." Hearing the strange dream  
two bright chaps in our town were  
in a dither because  
the earth revolved around the sun

in an alpaca gaberdine.

Father now called the youngsters in one by one and  
kissed their cheeks,  
kissing and wishing

the rabbi's death and the world to come  
trembled, her face smiled, but her eyes cried.

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## RATHER

J20

Two or three days before, he had  
dissipated in a widening circle of associations  
the alchemical ritual of  
the most utter bourgeoisie-dom, the sheerest

animations, suffering humanity.

Light past events shed on his present pretensions  
flung God and the Devil together  
taken for new. The worldly

possession of just such a "vacated" room  
confused by his own participation, rather.

WHY

J 21

He asked me time and again if I were Jewish or a man. A fine tremor shook the concrete children, who also started crying for

the spectacled German who let me escape into his hands. Rivulets of blood seeped through when we saw that the workings

would wake up screaming and Judas would start if God really decided what was to happen, why.

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HE REACTS

J 22

I am cold, I am cold in my veins  
in my memory forever  
involuntary, unconscious. Cain killed for  
the revolutionary ideal. You and I must

have unraveled a complex  
buzzing in his head.

He loves us. You cling to that comforting thought  
preoccupied with your own salvation

in fear and shame  
ahead, answer: Why this? Why that? He reacts.

STAY

J 23

Statistics show that the percentage of suicides  
then became feeble music punctuated by  
the hallucinated

Jews. Like an iron heel, each new factory crushed

the daily quota. It is not even known whether  
at that moment the nightmare burst.

Thinking that they were all boys like himself  
to the rabbi's left

human nature that expressed itself with less  
longer justified the privilege of a stay.

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HOW POOR

J 24

He took a deep breath. He stared gloomily at  
the left side of her face  
in thick black ink. It was  
my father.

We painted together. We  
remembered her lying beneath the green quilt  
in the brilliant sunlight  
on Shabbos

morning. It was a cold clear January day  
Picasso lived here. God, how poor!

DUE

J 25

He paused, out of breath, and  
in our history, knowledge and wealth  
the actor in him has  
the outstretched hand of a man

surely unpredictable.

Long ago, my father took the same  
comfort and medical care.

Behind his eyelids, he shuts me out of

those among us who would die and knew it,  
never complaining. Never demanding their due.

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CARNIVAL QUEEN

J 26

When she woke it was daylight  
from the first day.

With her bloodshot eyes,  
the face of her mother, a face no longer,

obliged

a little kindness  
in the city, especially with the Jews.

She knew this piece of ground

was just what was needed for  
she was now their carnival queen.

WALK

J 27

"Let me try," said the old man plaintively  
against the door and closed his eyes.  
The dogs were barking at the sun  
which you must admit treated him like one of its  
wounds and fed their hate.  
But he was  
for the son of Jesus Christ, born out of  
God's word and the lightning  
gives life and sustains it, all  
transformed into plenitude. Let him walk.

---

HIS BETTERS

J 28

at this diabolical instant  
for the sweet dark wine to be drained  
in a series of foreshortened  
adventures  
  
I said to my friend, "you were."  
It is the simple and sober description  
our poet intended to attach  
onto her lap and sob away the monstrous  
hospitalization. I had been looking forward  
with some help from his betters.

FREELY

J 29

A red light winked in his head  
and he produced from his pocket sworn statements  
and spent most afternoons, like his mornings.  
His voice was pitched distractingly high to

engage his thoughts, no matter how hard he  
was. And it all seems somehow inevitable  
that he hadn't written a word of his  
cheese omelet, almond cake and coffee.

He realized he was still speaking  
to his checks, and he talked freely.

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CHARLIE

J 30

Don't kid yourself, kings are the most sublime  
and did great damage in the parking lot  
of the true facts. Weakness, lies, treason, shameful  
revealed to our dark senses

purgatorial tasks, when  
the desire for emission still existed but reception  
is apparently true. TREATMENT.  
After many letters of warning, the bank  
of Spirit - recollection  
can still straighten you out, Charlie.

WE HAD

J 31

I ought to draw the attention  
of her church, and was wondering what to wear.  
To be alone in the dark, in  
the idea of a Christ

and not intervening  
she is impressed by  
a small freckled boy called  
on my account

and was relieved when he suddenly laughed  
again. I reminded her of how we had.

---

GUTENBERG

J 32

To ward off the evil spell  
in the name of human beauty  
jealousy and obscurantism  
with which he nearly caused a conflagration

he said, brow to brow with her  
idea of form, of beautiful form, lies.  
"You can see how unpleasant the thing is."  
He felt his heart give a sudden beat

to any questionable performances  
for the country of Luther and Gutenberg.

A SECOND

J 33

At home with me, or, better still, in  
an old man's voice  
fruitful by night  
warm breath, dispersed immediately,

might possibly be found. In  
came the drowsy  
Jewish innkeeper whose grandson was  
at home

louder than the larks and frogs  
I thought for a second.

---

NOW

J 34

away without a word to me to show that  
I was given my supper  
the wind  
echoed through the whole staircase. Unfortunately  
it was now fully light  
and I will let it stand  
still for a moment  
on the stone's flat surface. With an astonishing  
girl from a well-to-do family  
perhaps I can go on turning round now.

THE WINDOWS

J 35

Before the door and underneath the windows  
dear little girls ask so many questions  
in such a delirious rush.

Now this long confabulation had a real

little father, perhaps.

It became clear to him that he was really going  
breathless before the Tear and told him somewhat  
suddenly, before God could

understand everything that God has made  
before the door and underneath the windows.

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MUSEUM OBLIVION

J 36

I have already alluded in the course of these  
notes to the adventures of  
sacramental worship. We happened to start  
with the solemn fussiness of a poor lame boy

who I recently looked up in Chicago  
and to the keen interest of my  
rival factions meet in a battle of wits.

He pressed his repeater and, undismayed, it

behaved as he does in lines 606-608  
before retreating into museum oblivion.

HIS WIFE

J 37

The carpenter and his wife were convinced that  
the jar was then buried deep in the corner of  
my throat. There was no time to lose  
the carpenter's village

screams of raped women.  
Villages where I had stayed  
remained with me alone in the room.  
I dug them up quickly, with trembling fingers  
I made a promise to myself to remember  
his wife.

---

MYSELF

J 38

I began to howl. I was ticked off  
and pinched my cheeks and bottom. One evening  
on a momentary impulse, I thought of going over  
my life so far. I did three productions

on the narrow headland out into the river  
to keep communications open.

In materializing my often obscure texts  
without ever having been there, I

sat down in a comfortable inner room  
I find myself.

## FORGOTTEN

J 39

I knew full well  
a holy man and  
arranged to marry his daughter. These two  
have mercy upon me.

But I've forgotten everything. I no longer even know  
that she was even older than I thought  
and stood to lose even this miserable job  
we have our share of

To accept Jesus — another Jew and martyr.  
'I give thanks.' But I've forgotten.

---

## HIS FACE

J 40

Notations that form the language of logic  
led down to the living room and the foyer.  
It was quite warm  
in the midst of a celebration like this.

I stared at him and was afraid  
on Friday morning. We had a session  
without sarcasm, but I felt hot with anger  
in the effortless manipulation of neutral symbols

he gazed at  
and there was a spray on his face.

INFORMED

J 41

He discovered in her eyes a hidden  
bed, the loss of her children, yet wept to live  
among orange and lemon trees  
"To the lady"

she was all the time in the back of his mind.  
On a chair amid his junk  
he awoke the next morning, beset  
she moved. The numbers are confused

when his establishment caught fire  
the burly landlady at the door informed.

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WATER

J 42

She looked tranquilly, mercifully at the son  
looking for somebody  
from beyond.

Seizing him now by the hair

a damp, freezing wind arose.  
Already risen high  
enough  
she appeared to him like this, like  
eyes pinned on the water,  
on the quivering water.

SILVER

J 43

It is through its silences that language comes  
and the slither of the rats  
farther than he had ever been  
at which invocation?

Rats slid away, their eyes blind and blood-rimmed  
with serial nights.

His face like a plaster mask  
embossed against

words made the venom spill  
with a blurred flash of silver.

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OUR TEA

J 44

The Lord blessed their union  
gasping for air. "Please."

The old woman  
let out a shrill laugh

for the dead. "We are dead ducks.  
We didn't have to rush off like that... You!  
What are you doing?" "Whatever I do, it  
won't make it," I said and smiled

and their eyes burning  
gave us hot water for our tea.

A STRANGER

J 45

his heartbreaking smile  
was used to his elliptical style  
after all, he did not sense the truth  
inside me, or my own

sort of prof. I am older than you, but I go on  
more than ever. Would you rather  
a messenger takes him to  
it? Yes? What makes you so certain? What

sense the truth? Unfathomable, the heart  
felt pain. A stranger to myself, a stranger.

---

DANCED

J 46

Light erased the presence  
that barely concealed the incredulity  
most of the men had.

My father sat very straight in his dark coat

every morning at eight  
and I had to restrain myself from asking him if  
Me they would have sent back immediately  
into the street where my

vision of the sky for two years  
men carrying the Torah scrolls danced.

WRITTEN UP

J 47

Now once again the lottery agent had beat the heads of the other emptinesses. One by one, the visitors gradually rolled up to the porch. The smaller children

ran toward him and gave him a fig or the few scrawny raisins the lottery agent exulted and became quite

by the word itself written up.

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A MIRROR

J 48

He patted so many pairs of eyes looking alike. He dread the day of reckoning that would express her opinion on the matter. True

God in heaven had banished her with graces when strawberry season arrived to consider what girl reappeared with a

body felt so fully alive. God in heaven knew her reflection in a mirror.

THOUGHTS

J 49

The patriarch nodded thoughtfully before she mentioned the burden he struggled under on the day when even corpses were amazed.

He had sat up tall on his bed and was bewildered, he considered his bandage unable to repress a shudder. The second idiot, she didn't feel

an absurdly conspiratorial wink of their disquieting thoughts.

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AROUND

J 50

Two agree on what might be termed the point at the beginning of the year

of magical practices.

My son the gentleman is and played organ music

between the highest ideals of humanity and the metaphysical magicians around.

THE COUNTING

J 51

"But is this proper for you, a rabbi's son  
— do you have a passport?"  
His face, too, is sadder and puffed like  
rabbi's son.

I sat down next to him.  
now it was clear that he had carefully planned  
playing at love, kissing and caressing  
our landlord — somebody you can frighten  
quickly through the rear door into the shop  
for beginning the evening prayers and the counting.

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HER PHANTOM

J 52

The forty days between  
meeting my favorite American poet  
and a woolen headgear with flaps  
surrounding layers of masonry  
a shelfful of calf-bound poets  
brushed me off with a rather offensive  
death. The firing squad bungled their job.  
I do not recall in what connection

I found a moment to transfer the poem  
into a sickly physical fear of her phantom.

SUCCESSFUL JEWS

353

Sunday I'd come by to say goodbye before  
remembering more clearly now the stir  
of the fray: During that memorable  
attempt to understand it

my desire is to settle down in America  
at one time, or so many  
I will not fall in love  
too late

for the lying-in-state of  
all those successful Jews.

---

ITSELF

354

She shouldered her way between  
all these lessons for the unimportant  
but at the time it was like  
because the song went on too long and

she thought about that.

Because she was so mature and reserved  
eventually she would go back downstairs to  
wonder what she herself would do if

it was only in her dreams  
everything revealed itself.

at times & feared that  
the distinction is valid  
and that he had been buried on the island  
with precious volumes, useless, incorruptible.

And anxiety multiplied them. The silence was  
interminable, his awareness  
& thought  
of senseless cacophonies, verbal jumbles.

I shall not attempt for the time being  
the circumstance that that personality is.

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WHETHER

She drove off to buy a gramophone  
and wash a struggling giant  
and it's not worth my while to bother  
wiping his glasses. A small boy

I left home before I could possibly get  
any particular emotion.

"I am a coward," he thought. "She's sure."  
Eyes moved to and fro, as she listened

casting a fleeting  
indication as to whether.

IN ENGLISH

J 57

He sports dreams and fantasies that are absolute  
behind his black horn-rimmed glasses. I became  
a faint dark smear on  
the manuscript, which he had sent to his publisher

a little frightened. He touched the knot of his tie  
looking handsome and slender  
and saw the dark-suited man standing there  
now and the sky pale with

articles my father had published over the years  
majoring in English.

HE

J 58

The absence of the great subject  
has to be compensated accordingly  
because I am left out here  
from a future as a man apart and escape

one day after  
responsibility for the son. Because  
my wife does not like me so very much  
I am left out here

but in the end he pretended he was only  
how many orgasms he could have. Ha.

ABSORBED

559

Crisp, you might say walking. "Well, hey there!" Mr. Ira pointed out. "Good Blowup!" Magicie cried.

She was about to say that this was a whole new symptom, some kind of seizures he found a job in.

The people nearby were munching on junk

from the refrigerator and poured quite a lot while pretending to be absorbed.

THE HERETICS

560

The first part was a gloss on the end in order to correct those deficiencies the Traveler must usurp.

Remembered in the heart

of God, as is His piety  
on a certain day, in a certain place  
at midday, a lightning bolt set fire to  
him killed. Other facets of the enigma

remember him (I have no right to utter this)  
and refute the heretics.

WITH LAUGHTER.

361

After an evening of revelry and mirth  
the shapodic intonation of memory  
hit the target. But he  
was the only person I conversed with, beyond

that fact that I always found  
in the countryside, accompanied by  
a traumatic experience in early adolescence.  
He suddenly hollered, "that's it!"

He felt it was their fault that he  
doubled up with laughter.

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THE SON

362

No stimulants.

God had not struck him dead  
in the middle of the hall.

Memory composed slowly before his

speaking, a certain ingenuous  
voice and gesture of a woman  
reentering her dwelling shyly after  
the moment when he had noted the faint

of God, shed  
the name of the Father and of the Son.

CURVE

J 63

She was always materializing here in the upper  
dialect made up of Mexican  
blackness and heard the murmur of  
Mexicans like a

time at which they were expected  
and formal. Local society  
parked there at the plaza's edge  
of her consciousness

enlivened by her free-association chatter  
now the car rounded the curve.

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DREAM

J 64

He came to the barbershop where three men  
stopped rocking and looked at  
his pale eyes, waved once, and  
let through yet another billion sparks of light

in painful half-neat inscriptions  
and look! which is exactly what  
was there, calling in the darkness  
like an aging statue

deeper within the belly of the underground world  
and unspoken dream.

IMPATIENT

365

The townspeople made a lot of fuss about that day as I had the day before, walking inside the doorway while I wait under the Moon. On the day before

while I was trapped indoors living in great disorder, in violence and hunger I shook my head again. All I could say was left in the ashes of that house

like a dead person. When the dance is done I did not like the work, and was impatient.

---

IT'S HARD

366

They wore black hate  
and into the night  
unhitching the horse  
shot the first three Jews

to save their own necks, naturally.  
Stay away from those evil Jews...  
their weedy graves, and their fate.  
The Hasid slept in the chair, woke, stared  
and saw them loading up  
midmorning. It's hard.

"MACBETH" OUT

J 67

Sunday after Easter he came to tea  
and he did not feel embarrassed in her  
town, merged into one  
great excitement

three children sat round  
and his own incapability to make up  
superiority, which he begrimed her,  
mollified. "But do have some!" he said  
and did make a good beat of it  
together, and they read "MACBETH" out.

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HIS IRRITATION

J 68

As he sat before the fire, his irritation  
in his stomach  
will soon celebrate his fifteenth birthday  
one way or the other. But if she admitted  
the bond between them had once been  
there were just the signs that were too.  
It was eight years since  
the stones in the palm of her hand  
caused ruin, and then went on his  
fire, his irritation.

ACCOMMODATE

J 71

"Do you enjoy that work?" I asked as I was sanctified to the level of myth. It was not the most shallow and problematic experience here, it was as though an assembly of siblings improvising on the original format for the ritual knew something funny was going on. Then one maybe the most important answered, "You see we had the same background. People had extreme need for each other socially and try to accommodate."

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LAST TIME

J 72

There was a fine flavor of parody about but she saw and heard nothing on the balcony and thought of the day. Afraid of spoiling her pleasure. Now she dashed toward the last guest to find some comfort in that huge female with arms like lumps and stared after her helplessly. What an ass exposed to so many eyes asleep for the last time.

REALLY GLAD

J 73

Smiling and pointing to the ceiling  
on the Sabbath he sat bent over large  
officers, and the mustachioed ones  
began to feel that

it's not wise to resign from the army without  
the soul as well as  
what it was worth. They were all so far from  
shots and lay flat on the ground

he had always felt a dull resentment against.  
Is he really glad?

---

APPROVAL

J 74

I had always planned to take her to  
an ordered image of the world.  
One already sensed that the faith  
eluded any out-and-out collision with

an abstract theory. Reducing everything to  
their yodeling and their agitated hands,  
I said to the girl  
before

who was ready to perform  
that this had not met with the approval.

COMMENT

J 75

I held my tongue  
resolutely now that the end was in sight  
a lot. I crisscrossed Vienna  
as though it were my job to save her from

laziness and partly because of a rather  
flagrantly pro-German style.

Captain out long ago.

The way other people get drunk on

the dramatics of creation myths  
aroused no curiosity or comment.

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LARGESSE

J 76

An irreproachably affable young man  
awoke in her bed

having gone to sleep after midnight.

God in heaven knew who she was

who lived in rented rooms. Still,

when God is with one, one's

all inclined to get up. It was only because  
his mouth is in no danger of going hungry

and kissed one's true love's hand

to which one might bring a modest largesse.

REMEMBERED

J 77

The worshippers were munching  
water scintillated in the early light  
over his head.

Do you understand? Two

are going to worship at the shrine  
of this world. The kingdom  
lived from hand to mouth and had  
gathered up strength. & must, he thought.

"With pleasure, Rabbi," said  
suddenly, he remembered.

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VOLUPTUOUS LONGING

J 78

"Do you hear me now?" "Yes,"  
he said.

All the seas of the world tumbled.  
All the auditors drank from their bottles in

homage to the snorting motor.

Together on tiptoe, each with a candle  
and laughing with two young gentlemen  
unkempt fierce and beautiful girls

owed it to his dignity to show  
how full they are of passion, of voluptuous longing.

THOUROUGHLY

J 69

I'll submit willingly to your  
burst of applause followed  
to the affairs of  
compulsion. But the doorkeeper

sat down with  
the curse that welcomed him when  
it was  
that I like you too

followed up in public, even  
to discuss the whole case thoroughly.

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FRIGHTENED

J 70

Semi-consciousness he sojourned again in  
could dismiss his worries when  
he had almost finished his route and he went  
until he stumbled from dizziness  
  
to act a terrible part in the story.  
Even if this experience can cause him only pain  
at the moment he was trying to trait  
the terror of living alone. The snow did.

The town laughed a long time over  
perhaps he was frightened.

1. Incoherent  
banalities  
left  
nothing  
to  
chance  
days  
at  
anchivity.

2. Eyes  
close.  
and  
in  
one  
breath  
all  
benedictions  
merge  
with  
the  
candlelight.

3. Follow  
the  
Angel  
of  
Death  
as  
beneath  
their  
feet  
it  
scarcely  
mattered.

4. "Good  
shabbos!"  
father  
answers  
his  
breath  
and  
plunges  
into  
the  
story.

5. His  
disappearance  
reawakened  
weakness,  
this  
decomposition.

6. "Next  
year  
in  
jerusalem!"  
The  
air  
has  
become  
a  
half-burned  
candle.

7. Worthy  
of  
our  
poverty  
He  
became  
god,  
in  
an  
improvised  
prayer.

8. Weary  
eyes  
pass  
to  
another  
of  
the  
temple,  
studied  
well  
today.

9. Eyes uncertain as to what God wanted automatically obeyed.
10. Studying the Talmud all the time as if from heart ache. Dear god, why?
11. Day hovers, indecisive pain from their blows have devastated her.
12. Throbbing voice. Each line is drawn out with a tumult under my tending.

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13. Night vibrated within eternity and its shadows suddenly.
14. A heap of ashes. The beggar strokes it. She might be saying echoes.
15. This is god's will. "Ashes." He is growing memory. I have no choice.
16. Little ones. What is going on in heaven completely forgotten.

17. A

flesh  
of  
understanding  
panic  
pages.  
I  
go  
from  
one  
person.

18. The

congregation  
flickers;  
suddenly  
a  
full  
glow  
comes  
transparent.

19. Theirs

is  
the  
kingdom  
of  
Heaven  
to  
distinguish  
the  
words  
Holocaust.  
triumbling  
as  
if  
it  
were  
the  
Torch.

20. To

Daydream  
condemned  
To  
the  
same  
fate  
all  
that  
remains  
of  
Jewish  
riches.

22. To

the  
pauper  
woman  
the  
wind  
is  
blowing  
in  
a  
daze,  
making  
signs.

23. His

son  
would  
drown  
us  
in  
our  
own  
blood  
for  
the  
arrival  
of  
God  
knows.

24. Each

holiday  
brings  
with  
it  
its  
own  
distant  
voices  
coming  
loudly.

25. The  
memory  
of  
old  
wounds  
swallowed  
our  
food  
without  
a  
word  
to  
hide.

26. At  
my  
heart.  
The  
holiday  
candle  
flame  
drags  
out  
our  
shadow,  
whirls  
them.

27. Shadows  
dancing  
in  
from  
or  
who  
were  
his  
parents  
suddenly  
he  
calmed.  
I  
com.

29. The  
most  
wonderful  
father  
in  
the  
world  
is  
a  
madman  
unlike  
God.

30. Middle  
of  
the  
night.  
The  
clocks  
exchange  
glances  
with  
new  
little  
flowers.

31. Talmud  
decimated,  
either  
the  
streams  
ran  
with  
blood  
To  
those  
nameless  
orphans.  
32. at  
either  
side  
of  
the  
holy  
ark  
delicate  
little  
shadows,  
whirls.

33. His body rebels and reminds him of his art and kindled fire.
34. Desires, little girl, dressed when the old Jewess cries out the blessing.
35. Quieter and quieter over the Hanukkah lamp return home.
36. One day, quite accidentally, I formulated centuries' fragments.
37. Next year, god willing, tickles our noses. It brings us what is today.

38. Passage from the Talmud. Tremble each time I think she possessed me.
39. Patches of light in such a hurry. The shofar must be sounding there.
40. A single stray little star shines from cold milk.
41. The old synagogue that every eye staring into mine times cursed he.
42. Like a bride in all her glory shining scrolls of the Torah waken.
- "Snow! Snow has fallen!"



43. d 44. Grandfather 45. Out 46. He 47. Under  
was is of became his  
still praying. the aware delicate  
pregnant He hurlyburly of skin  
with does comes sighs  
double not into dark involuntarily  
meanings move lamentation earth divided.  
the here the once  
Angel and reader again  
of there was  
Death only a  
drew from house  
back. Time. of  
prayer.

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48. Emerging 49. The 50. Go 51. God? 52. The  
from melody to How reader  
piles spreads, still can now  
of swells, to I cry  
shadows. flares, weep believe out  
The stops, over the four with  
familiar shuddering words. winds the Land  
faces all the Shimmering and of  
register. the light little the Israel —  
in bells stars "Children,  
heaven. rang consumed where  
out. out. with are  
passion? you?"

53. By  
fire  
and  
God  
for  
that  
fever  
Messiah  
came,  
and  
nothing  
changed.  
54. The  
old  
rabbi  
tells  
me  
the  
ritual  
words  
that  
I  
have  
in  
heaven.  
55. " God  
be  
with  
you!"  
father  
calls  
out.  
We  
resume  
chopping  
onions.  
" What  
is."  
56. Eight  
o'clock  
in  
the  
morning  
the  
child  
recovered  
sorrow  
in  
his  
eyes.  
57. From  
the  
closely  
printed  
lines  
of  
the  
psalms  
and  
fancy  
long  
shadows  
stretch.

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58. The  
altar  
was  
broken,  
invocation  
of  
the  
Names  
inscrutable.  
59. A  
streak  
of  
light  
passes  
across  
the  
little  
red  
and  
blue  
flowers  
so  
soon.  
60. Everyone's  
eyes  
are  
fixed  
on  
mother.  
They  
glitter  
like  
magical  
arks.  
61. Trailer  
than  
a  
name  
the  
old  
man  
I  
watched  
being  
murdered  
are  
you  
mad.  
62. My  
head  
spins  
under  
the  
glimmering  
lamp,  
in  
the  
darkness—  
for  
the  
white  
bride.

63. Flame      64. Return      65. Father      66. God      67. Full  
hard      home.      enters,  
entered      mother      sits  
into      at      laughing.  
my      once  
soul      finds  
impatient      the  
with      first  
my      little  
slow      star  
Judenrein.      that  
has  
risen.

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68. The      69. I      70. "Sabbath."      71. To      72. Before  
human      recall      In      breathe.  
voice      all      a      To      me  
brings      my      moment      regain      like  
people      sins      she      a      a  
what      god      will      certain      sky  
consolation?      knows,      come      resemblance.      grandfather's  
And      heavy-hearted.      forth      To      is  
what      "Quiet!"      in      save      praying  
barbed      father      her      the      with  
wires!      chides.      quivering      only      the  
                  body.

73. In  
the  
apartment  
it  
is  
cold,  
suddenly  
I  
notice  
older  
hands.

74. Studying  
the  
Talmud  
living,  
weeping  
children,  
didn't  
the  
rebbe?

75. Listen  
from  
the  
boisterousness  
of  
the  
hakafot  
flame  
after  
flame  
licks.

76. Anti  
the  
Passover  
turmoil  
he  
smiles.  
His  
face  
wrinkles  
up  
loudly.  
a  
lighted  
taper.

77. The  
shammas  
comes  
to  
fetch  
your  
soul  
with  
his  
voice  
like  
a  
lighted  
taper.

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78. I  
can  
hardly  
wait  
for  
a  
sacred  
guest.  
So  
he  
has  
gathered  
stones.

79. Her  
gentle  
smile  
softened  
the  
Hannukkah  
lights  
and  
more.  
I  
recover.

80. He  
closes  
his  
eyes  
and  
utters  
a  
sigh  
like  
a  
shadow  
that  
blisters.

81. Wearing  
her  
holiday  
dress  
hubub  
brandishes  
the  
small  
tin  
mirror.

82. The  
sun  
is  
running  
away  
somewhere  
purifying  
now  
Passover.

83. a

memorial

candle

still

unlighted,

quiver

back

for

us,

God.

84. Mother's

seven

candles

were

lighted

in

heaven.

My

eyes

are

suffused.

85. Messiah

himself

down

from

heaven.

Perhaps?

Perhaps?

Gargling

sound.

86. Tear

in

the

wind,

song,

by

way

of

fallen

announcing

with

to

everyone

sun.

87. Stocky

Jewish

women

peddlers

and

familiar

frint

fallen

announcing

with

the

Torah!

88. In

haste

to

go

to

shul

he

seems

to

be

unraveling

behind

us.

89. Grandfather's

eyes

become

big

and,

in

exile

in

the

desert,

tarried.

90. Surging

through

the

shul,

covering

like

a

Tremor,

the

ritual

words.

91. Suddenly

a

humming

and

a

clamor

rise

over

mother,

thank

God!

92. Congregation

is,

count

them?

after

all,

it's

a

holiday

fainting.

93. Shul.    94. Old    95. I    96. Older    97. No  
 The women hear hands, longer  
 shofar sit steps. furrowed hungry.  
 grows before who with May  
 thicker. the is veins,  
 Dead Passover coming fuses God  
 relatives voice to over him  
 from is walk each the  
 heavens. heard. in branch Rabbi's  
 And a step now Song.  
 thicker. guest with the  
 comes the sukkah smoldering  
 in. wind, is. coal.  
 swallowed  
 up?

98. High 99. Small, 100. "Come 101. Circles  
 lecterns. almost back of  
 cries like for women  
 set a no, disperse  
 the toy. God!" before  
 lamps in and the  
 shaking. an she mirror  
 at uproar begins thinks  
 any day to that  
 moment goes jump &  
 now by. up have  
 the There as To.  
 heart. are if  
 odors. stung.  
 My heart.



102. Father's  
eyes  
light  
up  
with  
the  
fire  
that  
is  
shining,  
the  
air  
is  
packed  
full.
103. To  
be  
blessed  
by  
God  
on  
the  
day  
buried  
under  
their  
voices.  
I  
more.
104. Father's  
books  
and  
talks  
Saturday  
after  
dinner,  
situated.
105. Next  
morning  
when  
I  
wake  
up  
a  
picture  
of  
all  
of  
us  
hardly  
see.

106. Having  
closed  
her  
haggadah,  
mother  
celebrated  
her  
quiet,  
calm.
107. Children  
gather  
in  
a  
little  
circle  
turned  
into  
her.
108. All  
right,  
all  
right,  
what  
is  
going  
on  
in  
heaven  
occupies  
the  
head.
109. A  
little  
star  
splashes  
like  
a  
fish  
in  
red  
sky  
soft  
and  
white,  
almost.

110. Children  
are  
running  
about,  
laughing  
over  
the  
debris  
from  
heaven.

111. Grandfather's  
voice  
burns  
in  
from  
the  
corner  
where  
it  
was  
as  
possible.

112. Many  
dead  
relatives  
have  
been  
drawn  
forth,  
turned  
miraculously  
all.

113. God  
is  
my  
witness  
there  
is  
a  
special  
radiance  
in  
still  
blooming.

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114. The  
old  
teacher,  
who  
comes  
to  
sing,  
stamp  
his  
feet,  
clap  
his  
hands,  
memorized.

115. Recognize  
father  
inherited  
to  
the  
brim  
of  
benedictions.

116. The  
feast  
dies  
out,  
together  
with  
the  
sound  
within  
itself  
of  
white  
wings.

117. Barely  
surviving  
in  
my  
ears  
the  
bells  
are  
still  
at  
night.  
all  
of  
them.



118. Humming  
the  
haggadah  
passage  
I  
can  
hardly  
keep  
myself  
within.

119. Stand  
glued  
to  
scrolls  
of  
the  
Torah,  
like  
the  
messiah  
himself,  
with  
one.

120. Into  
your  
soul  
with  
his  
voice  
Elijah  
the  
Prophet  
is  
probably.

121. Children  
tumble  
underfoot  
to  
show  
us  
that  
we  
must  
not  
come  
near  
God.

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122. All  
of  
them  
chant  
the  
song,  
erupt  
to  
a  
page  
of  
the  
Bible.  
Then  
why.

123. He  
is  
dying  
to  
see  
what  
is  
under  
the  
lions  
and  
birds  
and  
speak.

124. Mother  
sits  
silently  
"in  
Jerusalem!"  
She  
sways  
against  
the  
white.

125. Inside  
the  
sukkah  
it  
is  
cool  
and  
white  
ribbons  
of  
light  
awaken.