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ASK ANYONE, THEY'LL TELL YOU

So much to go on, they said, but no sooner
had we crafted a sentiment than the world
would off and disappear on us.
It was that eerie over-the-shoulder appraisal
that had us in cahoots with the wrong sort,
that had us running from the news of the day.
Those are just placards, you know—a dullard's gift
to another, less dull, dullard. This hall of mirrors
has me looking so fat, so old—tell me, did
all the Miseries choose my skeleton to hang
their hats on? Even when a bailiff is cornered,
his cousins come after you, telephones raised.