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WHAT WE SAID THEN, THAT WASN'T NICE

Everyone here is white with grief.
(The madman, the butcher, the thief.)
Arrive early, or late as hell,
and wear the stuff that doesn't smell.
Make yourself up and take a drink
and tell us, dear, what's swell to think
about when the ground just gave way
beneath the lie of a summer day,
and the rot's got him and the rats
have her and yes, yes, of course, nat-
urally, I'd say I love you, just you,
but God knows who I'd be saying it to.