

IF YOU'RE ANXIOUS FOR TO SHINE



IF YOU'RE ANXIOUS FOR TO SHINE IN THE HIGH AESTHETIC LINE  
AS A MAN OF CULTURE RARE

YOU MUST GET UP ALL THE GERMS OF THE TRANSCENDENTAL TERMS  
AND PLANT THEM EVERYWHERE

YOU MUST LIE UPON THE DAISIES AND DISCOURSE IN NOVEL PHRASES  
OF YOUR COMPLICATED STATE OF MIND

THE MEANING DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S ONLY IDLE CHATTER  
OF A TRANSCENDENTAL KIND

AND EVERY ONE WILL SAY, AS YOU WALK YOUR MYSTIC WAY

"IF THIS YOUNG MAN EXPRESSES HIMSELF IN TERMS TOO DEEP FOR ME,

"WHY WHAT A VERY SINGULARLY DEEP YOUNG MAN THIS DEED YOUNG MAN MUST BE."

BE ELOQUENT IN PRAISE OF THE VERY DULL OLD DAYS

WHICH HAVE LONG SINCE PASSED AWAY

AND CONVINCED 'EM, IF YOU CAN, THAT THE REIGN OF GOOD QUEEN ANNE  
WAS CULTURE'S PALMIEST DAY

OF COURSE YOU WILL POOH POOH WHATEVER'S FRESH AND NEW

AND DECLARE IT'S CRUDE AND MEAN

FOR ART STOPPED SHORT IN THE CULTIVATED COURT

OF THE EMPRESS JOSEPHINE

AND EVERYONE WILL SAY, AS YOU WALK YOUR MYSTIC WAY

"IF THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM, WHICH IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME,

"WHY WHAT A VERY CULTIVATED KIND OF YOUTH THIS <sup>KINDS of Youth</sup> ~~DEED YOUNG MAN~~ MUST BE."

ANY SUBJECT CONTROVERSIAL, ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL  
YOU MUST TREAT WITH LIFTED BROW  
LET THE HOI-POLLOI GET BILIOUS  
KEEP THE MANNER SUPERCILIOUS  
OF A SLIGHTLY SACRED COW.  
IF WITH COURAGE CARTHAGINIAN  
YOU JUST OFFER NO OPINION  
YOU'LL BE HAILED AS A MAN OF SENSE.  
ENDEAVOR TO BE CLEVER  
AND COMMIT YOURSELF FOREVER  
TO A FIRM STAND ON THE FENCE  
AND EVERYONE WILL SAY  
AS YOU GO YOUR SILENT WAY  
SINCE THIS YOUNG MAN DOESN'T OPEN HIS MOUTH  
AND NOTHING WRONG SAYS HE  
WHY WHAT A MOST INFALLIBLY RIGHT YOUNG MAN  
THIS RIGHT YOUNG MAN MUST BE.