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I
In the wind-spitting, heaven-creeping
chasm of unchastity
Gargoyles staring at my peace—
revoking thrust
I choose and devour thirst to
sanctity
And jest my thrashing *denouement*
in lust.
In the sated aristocracy of chimes
and satires
Depriving the madrigal of legs and
tympani
I wallow and dart distrustful of
squires
And fall awake unshrived upon
her knee.

II
I once said good morning to an eyeless
rock
And because the rock would not reply
I took
A piece of chalk and drew a funny
face
But when I looked at the work of my
hand
I was frightened and with a linen
cloth
I rubbed off the chalk and went
away trembling.

III
The bronze man in the park
is falling off his rocker.