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## A SCHOOL LEAVER'S SONGS OF PRAISE

### I

Praise to all things bright and beautiful,  
and especially bright;  
accruing, chinking, minting me whiter than white.  
For beauty is irrelevant after school  
and is also unmarketable, in the wise world's eyes.

Praise to all things sold and advertised,  
and especially sold;  
for I shall fill my stomach full with gold  
and have an ugly mistress by my side.  
For beauty is irrelevant, in the wise world's eyes.

### II

Give praise to the status quo,  
accept things as they are  
like decent people do,  
and you will  
travel  
far.

I shall accept things as they are  
and only improve myself;  
and swear to forget to set the alarm  
when I leave my heart on the shelf.

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