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I had not meant to speak my speech so gloomily  
 Nor illustrate it with so gauche a point  
 (The nebulous moral is no rare mistake):  
 Go throw your arms around someone or something;  
 Invite him into the ark that is America;  
 Go out and call by name your choice of lobster.

Commit yourself not gloomily to something—  
 And point out always, friend, that in America  
 We may mistake the King, *but we dig lobster.*

LUCIEN STRYK

**IMAGE**

The house  
 Huge ugly plant  
 Peeling rotting  
 Around us  
 Making dark dark  
 Draining  
 Cutting off  
 It will see  
 Our end  
 Its floorboards  
 Sinking  
 To our dead weight