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*Glen Brown*

I hate it when they say that to me,  
always at the toll booth,  
the grocery store or a restaurant - -

this *arrivederci* of the witless,  
stoic as a smile button pinned to the lips,  
a one-day-only sale I hear all the time

echoing like the syllables of crows.  
There's a smell of cheap perfume to it,  
like incense at a church service

that keeps me at a distance.  
Maybe I should turn the locution  
into the kind of dialogue Socrates had

with the soothsayers and Sophists.  
Imaging their surprise  
as I bring out the truth of their admission

like a gadfly or midwife.  
But then again,  
maybe Caesar said it best: "You too.. ."