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*“Authority should have a human face,”  
As you would say; and once I did believe  
That if someone took charge in every place,  
Away would go all wishes to deceive.  
You, in your suit and shoes all Sunday-shined,  
Thought leading us would clarify your soul.  
We threw our hearts to you and were struck blind  
To see our scraps of self meld as one whole.  
True, we asked too much—yet you agreed  
To make our burdens yours, and to surpass  
All human goals, in practice and in creed;  
And though your face looks bright, your heart is brass.  
So stupefy your masses; let them rave.  
For you and I both know whom you cannot save.*

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