

what if no poem at all comes
 if all that's ever gonna come is
 a phone call
 a knock at the door

it's a dumb question i rather not hear it

we've all got it coming
 5 years & more
 it'll take a poem plus

like dead jimmy newell
 an IQ 140 plus

to beat that rap

another knock at the door (i'm not making this up)
 i musta changed my mind becoz i anserd it
 whoever it was was already gone

it seems to hav been a successful maneuver not ansering
 the phone / nobody calld
 nobody but dead jimmy newell

-- rbt head 15 aug 67

New Orleans, La.

A Lady, Entering

(from VOICES)

What the hell
 's the matter
 with you,

mister.

Don't you know
 when a lady

enters the room,
 a gentleman
 's always

stands up.

The Hunter, Megler Ferry

(from VOICES)

Like I always
 say, a man
 deserves just

one good woman
 and one good
 dog in a life-

time, and I've
 already had
 two good dogs.

-- William R. Slaughter

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