

## Thoughts At Midnight

1.

Arbitration is a secondary impulse;  
the delight at being alive, at having  
survived the horrendous adventures may still  
be entitled that (loveably, and adhering  
to interstices of the momentary) word:  
Gratitude. In literature, it becomes  
style. In politics, expenditure.  
In religion, ecstasy. But how  
about day-to-day living?

2.

Failure is the preservation  
of Quality.

3.

Idle thought!  
Idle America!  
Useless commerce ...  
which every country  
must keep imitating.

## It Costs Money To Look Poor

By chance, at the Dry Cleaners, the man  
behind the counter showed me some Indian-  
type jackets brought in by those poor  
looking kids, each one costing fifteen  
dollars to be cleaned, because they're  
real suede, and have to be handled deli-  
cately, like Marie Antoinette's silk girdle.  
Oh, the poor Indians. Oh, the poor kids.  
Into whose pocket drops the Revolution?

-- Jane Mayhall

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