

"do you think they'll be able to tell  
whether or not i'm covered?"

"they'll catch it somewhere along the line;  
you've got to go someplace else."

"oh. well, i guess i'll have to put it off then."

so he hangs up and goes to the bathroom  
and sobs into a towel

and the girl he lives with is pissed now  
because she thinks he's still in love with his wife

and all he can see are the faces of his kids

who love their mother

whom he cannot just let die.

#### THE GENERATION GAP

##### (i)

his idea of a vacation  
is to hire a chauffeur  
and to spend the summer  
drinking on the nation's highways.

##### (ii)

his kid is among the very few  
ever to be arrested for possession of marijuana  
by the magic mountain security guards,  
but he must have inherited  
some of his father's instinct for survival  
because he got sobered up enough  
the last day of his drug abuse class  
to go pick up his certificate of rehabilitation.

##### (iii)

it hangs now in his father's bar.