

"And Today"

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And today I wonder what should be done
and what not done,
and whether there is really
any difference between the two
and what incentive
is dragging me one way or the other
without any ultimate knowledge
of what might be accomplished
to enhance my life
or even perpetuate
an everlasting sorrow in my mind
because I have not engendered
one iota of happiness
that could benefit either myself
or someone in greater need
of an encouraging thought
about himself.
And yet tonight
I will count the stars in the sky
and imagine that at least one of them
must contain a man like myself
who has discarded his necktie
before sitting down at the piano.