

## *And Another Thing*

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she used to bark  
was that I looked  
like I was dazed, half-  
asleep half the time.

For god's sake,  
straighten up and act  
like you know  
what you're doing.

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Appearances to the contrary,

I always knew  
what I was doing  
then and now, too.

What I am doing now  
is setting down a bowl of fruit  
upon this container of ashes  
to ripen.