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## Amuse-Bouche

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This this, this that,  
*tremendous* hat,  
and is it that I now adore  
the trappings I deplored  
before—  
the chic chitchat,  
a hairless cat,  
some worn collegiate sobriquet,  
a patent city tic, a snore,  
a peeve without a hint,  
the slightest sniff, of  
caveat, but then,  
                  *Please,*  
*dearest, do please have*  
                  *some more,*  
drifted from the leather  
chair and  
                  *Thank you, yes,*  
                  *if you can spare,*  
for if you think, O flesh,  
life isn't short, be certain  
it is keeping score.