

The gang over at *New Masses*  
called for his immediate  
execution

Williams told him that foreskin or not  
the dumb cluck had gone off  
half-cocked

not crazy at all and as for justice  
shooting him would be the greatest  
miscarriage

The money reform simpleton  
said Munson believes Hitler is fighting  
for money reform

Less a traitor than a fool said Aiken  
the first back when to have christened him  
Rabbi ben Ezra

Maybe the biggest jackass in the world  
said Schwartz but maybe the best ear  
in English ever

To shoot him said Orwell would establish  
his reputation whether his poems  
are good or not

Tate defended purity  
of language Joyce was somewhat  
ambiguous

A crackpot said Matthiessen  
a tragic instance of the gulf between poet  
and audience

*Kikes* leading the *goy* to slaughter  
a call not to poetry said Bellow  
but to murder

Cummings in light of his own enormous  
Olaf and infamous *Eimi*  
best left unheard

Olson tired of playing Esau  
couldn't take the pureblood bullshit  
any longer

Ginsberg was more filial  
and later played hippie guru  
to perfection

but beatnik interventions  
were even less effectual when  
the time came

The next generation: no suck  
in DC but spreading the word  
out in the hustings

where the old New Age  
met the current and the modern  
met the post-

Hemingway said he was nuts should  
have shot himself after canto twelve  
but if he got out

promised the cash to pay his passage  
back to Italy where he was  
appreciated

*Crackers* said Laughlin *confusio*  
*senectutis* but horse sense  
about debt

while word went round at State  
that we were getting a bad rep  
in Yurru

Hammarskjöld let Washington know  
he was a political prisoner  
in the eyes of the world

MacLeish knew strings to pull  
to get across to Ike's crewcuts  
the two main points:

incurable and already in

longer than being convicted of treason  
would have got him

*If God is good he is not God  
if God is God he is not good  
wind on the water*

Eliot said he was neither sane  
nor insane and as for guilt  
that could be determined

only by evidence heard and judged  
in a fair trial. In the end  
concluding the world

would likely immortalize him  
if he died inside, Frost  
was instrumental