

Interest the intellectual name of love
reflected the non-political man reborn
in Berlin after his *Libestod* in Venice

a love malnourished on analysis of decadence
an unearned income on cultural capital
later applied to the talking cure on the magic mountain

a melancholy love upholding the recognitions
that understanding plus devotion is passion
that passion is clairvoyant *that conscientiousness*

the essence of his art lay close to pedantry
erotic irony and literate loneliness
in a mathematically rationalized social world



Romanticism nationalism music humor
placed he said in impersonal parts of his being
by the century Nietzsche called *honest but gloomy* as though —

sick of the twisted almost joyous fatalism
of Goethe's will to deify life and the universe,
the urge of his nature to form a totality of itself

in the belief that only in totality
is everything solved and finally justified —
it had shaken free from the death-grip of ideals

left by *the feminine deceitful century* past
and was looking for a way to bill its submission
to *the factual* then coming into dominance



I hate politics and the belief in politics
because it makes one arrogant doctrinaire
stubborn and inhuman, I do not believe

in the *république démocratique sociale et universelle*
do not believe in belief but rather more in despair
because it is despair that frees the path to salvation.

I believe in humility and in work —
work on oneself — which in its highest and most moral
strictest and most cheerful form seems to me

to be art, I cannot say that I believe in God
though it would be comparatively easier
for me to believe in God than in mankind.



The musical a form higher than the literary
music and poetry being what fiction aspires to
a rhetoric in honor of the human race at its best

not French histrionics and English cant
that legacy of classical reason — the heart-stirring phrase
the generous gesture worthy of a human being

that makes life worth living, makes human human
in the Roman West — civilization if you will
the victorious advance of the literacized

politicized middle class antithesis
French revolutionary English puritan
deriding the ecstasy of German metaphysics

God in Heaven and in Rome not within,
Gallic wit a fey *celtique* gallows humor
art a confession to the animal with many heads

men and women of no particular standing holding
bonafides that affirm a degree of intelligence
conferred for a fee by imbecile institutions

the USA not an attractive alternative —
base utilitarianism ignorance
conceit bigotry enslavement lynch law

swindles of neighboring sovereign states
repudiation of public debt vulgarity
mob rule *single-minded veneration of women*



Personality the feeling of being coherent
in the atomistic anarchic unholy
mass *the only thing on earth interesting*

The great majority boundlessly egotistical
said Schopenhauer *unjust unfair*
mendacious inconsiderate even evil

white-collar rabble and pink-stocking riff-raff
narrow-minded with very scant intelligence
cogs in *the plutocratic drive for property*

Pessimism synonymous with morality
when civilization has colonized nearly all
the once-free barbarians to the north and west

into a *Monte Carlo Europe literary*
as a *Parisian cocotte* somewhat amusing
somewhat insipidly humane trivially

depraved femininely elegant
implausibly adventurous and loudly
democratic *a two-step and tango Europe*

business and pleasure *à la* Edward the Seventh
when *gauche* freemason republican bourgeoisie
confuse mediocrity and excellence

intellectual aesthetics and politics
South American harbor-saloon mating dances
and Bach *the precise accomplishment of the fugue*



Intellectual individualism
less liberal-democratic than aristocratic
Free and unequal that is aristocratic

Any idiot can be a conservative
every idiot is democratic
Voting rights opposite to freedom and duty

Only one with nothing calls for equality
equality and freedom exclude one another

freedom is independence of spirit of feeling

A democracy of the heart of brotherhood
of an order higher than that of guillotine
reason and redshirt humanitarianism