

Protection

Tomorrow has been cancelled
By the ruling families
Who must concentrate
On the voluptuousness of breakfast
And the killing of flies.

We must extend and build deeper
Our Pilot Club membership
Which envisages an extra storey
To the current castle
And further extensive foundations
To our building unsupported
As it floats in mid-air.

We must move bits from one computer to another
Which represents the wealth of trillions
Which we inherited forty minutes ago
Or perhaps for a thousand years.

We must avoid gambling, drunkenness and violence
Except where it might involve
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And conduct ourselves in a manner appropriate
To a thief of very substantial means
Who is held in awe by our slaves
Who guard the portals of our palaces
Who must march in goose-step
As they serve us silver trays
Of truffles and strawberries.

We must build spacecraft to Venus
Or if the weather is inclement perhaps to Mars
Where we can comfortably avoid impending disorder
Due to climate catastrophe and the end of life on the World.