

another, Celtic nation whose radio can encompass experiments like the reading of 'Ulysses' in its entirety in one continuous thread.

The society of conversation, the reasoned energies of literature, the sensuous essays of music: these elements of oral/aural culture have been with us from time without memory. The problems of administration and accountancy are dull, petty obstacles in the advance of civilisation. When the stenographer is more important than the writer we shall have failed.

HOMELESS

It is a fort-night
the sky is bright
everywhere is quiet
in Kapiolani Park,
Honolulu.

The moon's light
shines through the leaves
of big trees
looks like it has
adroitly tattooed the earth.

Suddenly the silence
broke up
when a police officer
entered the park:

A homeless Hawaiian
jumped up from a corner
and ran away;
when he disappeared
the scream:
"You damn officers
always chase me around"
echoes around
like the cry of a lonely wolf
who howls under the bright moon
on the Appalachians.

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