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Abstract

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They greet the flowered dress, the blue sport coat.
Against the carpet flash their patent shoes.

He blinks in sad confusion, disbelieving—
Intense and throbbing life bloodies his side.

They sit on wooden seats without a splinter,
And rise on cue to sing of love and freedom,
Reciting other pretty words with zeal.

His pain is dull and deep, his wounds infected—
They puncture softly with words instead of nails.

Surrounded by lavender foil, the lily smothers.
The rosy light of colored windows fades
While muted pipes crescendo gently amen.

His life is running over—he smears its flow
Across their blank, complacent faces—and weeps.

The sun outside the stained glass world is bright.
They blink away its glare, they say good-bye
With smiles that smile the right amount of warmth.