

Stranger Still

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Stranger still in another town,
how normal to sit out the dance,
eating the good meal by myself,
toasting the empty glass;
and they're already setting out
the next place,
already forgetting about the last.
No, nothing could be less strange
in entropy
no change, no change, no change.
No danger in a normal life,
better steady down the adrenalin pump.
Excess refraction in the mirror
only leads to the quantum jump...
Oh, but it leaves me in limbo;
how strange, what a stranger I become.
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in entropy
no change, no change, no change.
No, I know how to behave
in the restaurant now,
I don't tear at the meat with my hands;
if I've become a man of the world somehow
that's not necessarily to say
I'm a worldly man.
Keep on shuffling the menu
and the order never comes on time.
No, there's only diffraction patterns,
no reading between the lines;
only the rate of emission,
and reason allows no rime.
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in entropy
no change, no change, no change.
No, nothing could be less strange...
Entropy...
... a stranger, a worldly man.