

Has Been

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I think a lot about the times when I was old and full on lines
Like man it's all so hip or was It groovy
Well anyway that's all so yuk
Like a book I didn't read last night
Concerning someone else's wife. whose husband's son
Had ran off with his mother

And you know. if 3 and 2 were multiplied they'd equal 6
Little children started building not with bricks
But with what they had been told was
Advantageous to an old and sort of in between
Has been

I must admit it frightens me to think we take so literally
The fact that you can get away with murder
There ought to be a law against
Common sense of course will not prevail
If people going into jail
Are doing so for fear of unemployment

And you know. what makes a parrot talk
Is really rather cute
What he does is listen close then follows suit
And within a minute. two at best. refers to you
As nothing less than some obscene
Has been

I've never had myself altered. what for
I mean if I did. I'm not sure
I'd be all that happy to see. another me

I wouldn't be at all surprised if I looked you
Straight in the eyes
And saw there were no stars. only your eyeballs

And you know, if two and two were joined
By two they'd equal 6
Little children started building not with bricks

And without even the prompting will bestow on you
The daunting little words that mean
Has been
A sort of In between
Has been