

The Dead Only Quickly

The Divine Comedy

Priests and fools say
We are but animate clay
Rude vessels
Housing immortal souls

But the dead only quickly decay
They don't go about being born and reborn
And rising and falling like soufflé
The dead only quickly decay

It would be swell
To see some folk burn in hell
But when they go
It's just pleasant to know
That the dead only quickly decay