

The world is a beautiful place		
if you don't mind happiness	to be born into	
	not always being	
if you don't mind a touch of hell	so very much fun	5
just when everything is fine	now and then	
they don't sing	because even in heaven	10
	all the time	
The world is a beautiful place		
If you don't mind some people dying	to be born into	
or maybe only starving	all the time	15
which isn't half so bad	some of the time	
	if it isn't you	
Oh the world is a beautiful place		20
if you don't much mind	to be born into	
in the higher places	a few dead minds	
now and then	or a bomb or two	25
or such other improprieties	in your upturned faces	
is prey to	as our Name Brand society	30
and its men of extinction	with its men of distinction	
and other patrolmen	and its priests	
and congressional investigations	and its various segregations	35
that our fool flesh	and other constipations	
	is heir to	
Yes the world is the best place of all		40
making the fun scene	for a lot of such things as	
and making the sad scene	and making the love scene	
and walking around	and singing low songs and having inspirations	45
and goosing statues	looking at everything	
	and smelling flowers	
and even thinking		50
making babies and wearing pants	and kissing people and	
dancing	and waving hats and	
on picnics	and going swimming in rivers	55
and just generally	in the middle of the summer	
'living it up'		
Yes		60
but then right in the middle of it	comes the smiling	
mortician		