

well, hell, we know that the race falters and that the heart gives way; I can't condemn all these women because of bad climate.

yet it's a shame that only the ugly young women are human.

6:21 P.M.

to run out of dogs
that is what the clock
says to run out of dogs that is what
the worn automobile tires
say
and now the orange-red afternoon comes
creeping like a wounded dog and
lies before me
while blackbirds still pursue the game
like motorcycle policemen hounding
tired traffic

my soul is wrinkled
I turn on the light and read the
evening paper.

-- Charles Bukowski

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