

## Soft in Bed

"Marriage? It's the best thing  
for a man. You just remember  
this, Boy: it will be  
as soft at sixty  
when you snuggle up in bed  
as at sixteen." We were picking over beans  
in the open chamber. "Just remember that,"  
he said again, while down below  
Aunt Anne's unseen presence  
rattled pans in the sink.

## Born Too Late to See Tahiti

(these once remote islands are now reached  
easily by high speed air lines)

-- too late to see Tahiti.  
Burn your gaudy red, green, blueprints  
of Paul Gauguin's  
escape to paradise.

(in 36 hours the tourist  
may descend . . . )

You might as well go  
to the Poconos.  
It will be swell there to see  
(higher than Niagara said the sign)  
Digman's Falls,  
a silver thread falling  
the bluffs and sparse deciduous wood.

Can you see  
the Scranton school girl  
veiled in hair,  
bathing 'golden in the mist,  
drifting -- ? No! Even for this  
it is too late. We are all born now  
much too old: the water much too cold.

-- Robert M. Chute

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