

Through a Distinguished Keyhole

Biographers, observe:
clothes hunch
inside-out,
relics from a hasty exit
to that bedroom oblivion.
Starting from that geranium,
imagine the sweep
on maybe two thousand
happy wide screens.
I'm no newspaper,
but I know what sells,
and I know saturday night
is all in one direction.

-- Larry Dean

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Mouth Styles

The 20's

The Gish girls gathered
their tiny kissers
into an orifice
so nipple-neat
that nothing but nothing
could get in or out.

The 40's

Brazen Joan
her labial muscles
enlarged with carmine
to ports of entry
portals of birth
to mortal wounds.

The 60's

Stars of the sixties
daubed their lips
with sullen clays
glistening bloodless
over the pucker
oddly anal.