

Some gods were discussing their latest efforts at mortal creation and one of them said:  
"What'll we do to bamboozle this batch?",  
And a second one replied: "Give 'em a sense of urgency."

At the routine level -- it takes no more effort to think than it does to merely survive.

One man's determination:

"For twenty years I have been clever --

Now I must move on."

If there is a battle forever transpiring  
It is between the collective and the individual,  
Between the past and the present,  
Between the silence and too much talk,  
And between the here and the thinking-of-here.

A man told his mind: "I don't like what I've become.",  
And his mind replied: "I'm not to blame:",  
And he rejoined: "Still -- it's up to you to rectify me."

The hero in a legend from another world,  
Had as his twin companions -- Fear, and Despair;  
They traveled with him, and when necessary, fought with him,  
Both as adversaries, and as allies.

There are two readily observable stages of possible neural activity --  
The first is: *Thinking*,  
And the second is: *Thinking metaphorically*;  
Many people never reach the second,  
And most of those who do, believe it to be the ultimate in mentation --  
-- They are wrong.

While sitting alone a man said: "You talk too much.",  
And his mind said: "Don't look at me.",  
And the man just smiled, somewhat sarcastically it seemed.



Collective mythology says that a man must go on a grand adventure  
So as to make a great discovery,  
While a thinker might first make a discovery and then undertake an adventure.

Every day --

At off times --

One man would privately look himself up and down and say:

"It's me -- it's all me."

What is a thinker's first duty? --

-- *Same as everyone else -- to survive.*

For revenge -- one man gave his enemy a watch.

*Don't think too far*

*From what you are.*

*More: Underground History*

Whenever the ordinary stumble across the truth  
They don't know what else to do but call it, "morality".

A fright can be useful to everybody -- but to a thinker -- REALLY-Y-Y useful.

Submissive wolves *love* a good beating,  
Men also -- though they won't admit it.

"Comparing men to animals is like trying to compare apples to oranges."

"Yeah, I know -- it works for me too."



*Thinker's Question:*

How long should one be anxious?

*Next Question:*

How long should one think about it?

Those who feel that something must always be said  
Are those in truth, who do not know what to say.

A thinker can never live the mythology of the collective.

One man's mind said to him: "Even moments from you is much too long."

The response to the different behavior of others should be a hearty, positive:  
"Well shoot! -- it must be fun to him or he wouldn't do it."

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-- and even he should be awfully careful.

Tigers "on a mission"  
Have but one mission;  
Robins --- several.



Time is no friend to a hero, a warrior, or a thinker.

*A View From Another Hierarchical Vantage Point:*

Life doesn't come apart -- men do;  
Men don't come apart -- their parts do.

*Through beds of dirt our  
Frames become mulch;  
Before we lie down let's  
Raise one more toast.*

*One more view -- one more view,  
Before I go, just --  
One more view.*

There is a distinct difference between profitable intellectual activity, and day dreaming --  
-- real surprise -- huh!?

The vanity of sex keeps many mentally close enough to home to remain functionally free of disabling psychological ills.

One of a thinker's ultimate undertakings is to remove his mind from time.

To the ordinary it sounds so strange,  
to a thinker, so natural.

The vanity of sex keeps many sane.



*Don't think too far  
From where you are.*

*It's funny to be  
In a humorous place that  
No one thinks is funny.*

The heroic thinker's quest means nothing if his mind is not with him at the end.