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Tu vero dubitabis et indignabere obire,
Mortua quoi vita est prope jam vivo atque videnti?
LUCRETIUS, III.

Fitti nel limo, dicon: "Tristi fummo
Nell'aer dolce che dal sol s'allegra,
Portando dentro accidioso fummo:
Or ci attristiam nella belletta negra."
DANTE, INF., III.

Where do we go from here?
ATTRIBUTED TO THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

By Mr. Bishop: Lucifer, The Funeral of Mary Magdalene, The Death of a Dandy, The Funeral of an Undertaker, The Madman's Funeral, The Death of God, and Resurrection.

By Mr. Wilson: The Preface, The Death of the Last Centaur, The Funeral of a Romantic Poet, The Death of an Efficiency Expert, The Death of a Soldier, Emily in Hades, and the Epilogue.