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Amidst the chit chit, and the chatter,
The single cymbal, and the clatter,
We made the scene.

Amidst the lazy, stifling smoke,
And the hungry wants of life,
We saw the light:

We saw a bright eyed child
Hasten back from john to John.
Knowing she'd never guess his calculated look.

We saw a bearded one playing pool.
Satisfied with little billiards
He'd never comprehend what lies,
Unracked beyond this green.

While in the rear
Two huddle deep in thoughts
More ardent than any art.

They, too, don't know, or care,
And that's the pity.
For this once and perfect time flies always
From them in the night.

JOHN COYNE