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CHILD OF A CHILD...

I am no child of the Great Depression,
Family's hard-earned money
is carried light in my leather bag.
I've never known those hard times,
those sugar rations
and saved tin cans.
I've never felt my nation rally,
I've only known it
bursting at the seams.

You see in my clothes and kind
the threat of poverty's return,
And cannot understand a love of simple things,
But silver candelabras don't ring security with me,
And I don't save for rainy days.

I am no child of the Great Depression.
I'm not scared for tomorrow because of what's been behind.
I am thinking of hand-cranked ice-cream
and the old swimming hole,
Then you give me everything you never got,
When I'd rather
have the things you had.