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Remember the Minoans, Blithe,  
    And how they are so utterly gone from this world  
And all their thoughts and habits and buildings  
    Are lost, save their art, and the white moon of their images.  
Remember that we all die in the end,  
    And the only thing that keeps us real is our memory.  
Salinger taught us this in this moment:  
    Teddy, standing by the window of the ship,  
Looking down at orange peels, wondering how real they might have been  
    Before they sank their pallid shells beneath the ocean.  
How can I then look at myself—me with this silly art  
    And these nameless poems destined for disuse?