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30 "And I should not have sat here. Everything  
 Would have been different. For it would have been  
 Another world." "Ay, and a better, though  
 If we could see all all might seem good." Then  
 The lovers came out of the wood again:  
 35 The horses started and for the last time  
 I watched the clods crumble and topple over  
 After the ploughshare and the stumbling team.

1916

1917

## WALLACE STEVENS

1879-1955

## The Snow Man

One must have a mind of winter  
 To regard the frost and the boughs  
 Of the pine-trees crusted with snow;  
 And have been cold a long time  
 5 To behold the junipers shagged<sup>o</sup> with ice,  
 The spruces rough in the distant glitter  
 Of the January sun; and not to think  
 Of any misery in the sound of the wind,  
 In the sound of a few leaves,  
 10 Which is the sound of the land  
 Full of the same wind  
 That is blowing in the same bare place  
 For the listener, who listens in the snow,  
 And, nothing himself, beholds  
 15 Nothing that is not there and the nothing that is.

*shaggy*

1923

## The Emperor of Ice-Cream

Call the roller of big cigars,  
 The muscular one, and bid him whip  
 In kitchen cups concupiscent<sup>o</sup> curds.  
 Let the wenches dawdle in such dress

*lustful*