

## *Terry Savoie*

### READING RAINBOW

As Stephen Spender  
reads his poems  
to memorialize Auden  
beneath the ballroom lights  
of the Iowa Memorial Union, two

lovers kiss, laughing with their eyes  
& holding each other by  
the shoulders. They're burly,  
dancing thieves who are about to divide a pot of gold  
that squats on the ground between them.

*Iowa City, 1973*