THE SPIRIT THE TRIUMPH

do you remember learning to tie your shoes? astonishing! the loops you had to make the delicate adjustments the pulling-through tightening impossible! the things we learn! putting a bridle on a horse when he's headshy getting your hands under a girl's sweater no wonder we are the crown of all that exists we can do anything how we climb chimneys how we put one foot on the gas one on the clutch and make the car go nothing too difficult nothing!

crutches artificial arms have you seen that?
how they pick their cups up and use razors? amazing!
and the wives shine it for them at night
they're sleeping the wives take it out of the room
and polish it with its own special rag
it's late they hold it against their bellies
the leather laces dangle into their laps
the mechanisms slip noiselessly
lowering the hook softly onto their breasts
we men! aren't we something? I mean
we are worth thinking about aren't we?
we are the end we are the living end