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Metal Harvest

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gram in Calabria ends, it is most satisfying to note that crop production is up thirty to sixty percent of what it was before Reform and that this area, long one of the most desperately impoverished and demoralized of Italy, is beginning to develop a climate of comparative vigor and hope that will eventually make the establishment of large industry possible and gradually raise the economic and social level to that of Northern Italy and the rest of Europe. In 1960, when the much more extensive Stralcio Land Reform program ends, it is only to be hoped that the results will be proportionately dramatic.

METAL HARVEST

Within this fruit the seed, the pulp, the rind
 Join to globe an orange in the mind.
 About this fruit have lip and tongue and cheek
 Pressed a mold of round and firm and sweet.
 Unbroken the sense, continuous the shell:
 Orange at eye announces sweet to smell,
 Tang to tongue, resilience to finger,
 Till separate oranges to *orange* swell
 And juices tasted, unconsumed shall linger.

Only one in a million million trees
 Drops the hard joke or the soft disease,
 When eye, perceiving but the usual facts,
 Betrays the lip to lard, the tooth to wax;
 Or when fingers, rounding on known ease
 Of firm, cool, globe-skinned juices, squeeze
 The metal harvest of Hesperides.

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