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Lawrence has been dismembered by persons like Dr. Nulle, who drag a limb into the fascist camp and call it Lawrence, and by the "artists" who hold the individual so sacrosanct as to be above it all. Aware perhaps of a discord in the beautiful fraternal amity which he had constructed between Lawrence and fascism, Mr. Nulle suggests that if Lawrence possibly didn't care for fascism and if he did make some skeptical remarks about the oppressive feel of Mussolini's Italy, then that arose only from the law of nature that prophets are greater than their achieved visions. A pretty tribute, especially when Mr. Nulle coyly adds that very probably Jesus wouldn't have liked "Christianity"! Isn't it more likely that Jesus did not advocate "Christianity"?

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By HOWARD E. SYLVESTER

I'd not rest in such an earth as this is:
Murder and starvation and the mark
Of madness on us all—vast, blank abysses
Of utter dark.

Before I'd rot beneath such tragic air,
Where crumbling hope betrayed infects our worth,
I'd summon strength to burst my grave and dare
To flee from earth

To beat upon the silent gate of heaven,
Sounding and resounding till the din
Disturb the sleeping saints, the Lord God even,
And He take me in.