Stuart Davis "Pearls Into The Dirt"

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Jackson Pollock finally captured movement and chaotic rapture

through means divorced from all tradition But the sweeping change was too abstruse and the public spared him no abuse the ridicule became a common mission

Time magazine said "Who could laud this feeble and pathetic fraud?"

no one comprehended what 'Autumn Rhythm' had transcended

Watch the gifted hands create motion in suspended state

with the sweet elation of true innovation He harnessed the essence of life

But antiquated institutions always seem the hardest to subvert

so Jackson was condemned to spend a lifetime throwing pearls into the dirt

John Cage's young intrepid ears threw the shackles of convention clear to better target man's potential But the world assailed his pure device, "Is that a symphony or a poltergeist?" and called lunacy his sole credential

Can hunger and abandon be fused into a synergy? that's where the genius lies, covert to the cautious eye that brief and fragile unity, a taste of immortality is the mind unbound, and that's where John had found that silence is married to sound His departures were reviled, but the ignorant aren't east to convert John was still content to spend a lifetime throwing pearls into the dirt

Like the architect unafraid to rupture static orthodox with a brilliant structure which the masses libel and refuse to sanction

for the abstract style that it's broken ranks in and that master builder, who's ideals were so unyielding kept his self-respect and lost his shirt throwing pearls into the dirt

Progress is painful, and the vanguard feel the greatest of the hurt let's all prepare to make our new pariah, throwing pearls into the dirt

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