

## A Decision Deferred

failing socially  
failing academically  
failing with women

my future seemed bleak  
happiness felt beyond reach  
I despaired of hope

a flash of insight  
one day brightened my dark sky  
—I could end my life!

I'd found a way out  
of my doom's dreary prison  
I was free to choose!

so ... do it today?  
there's no rush, I decided  
—and there still isn't

Setting: Freshman year at University of Missouri, 1963-64



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