

JFK Is Dead

playing hearts at noon
four guys on a dorm room bed
before chemistry

someone yelled out loud:
“the president has been shot”
“of what?” I wondered

some students brought their
own transistor radios
to class, turned down low

he tried to teach, but
waved, “turn up your radios”
Cronkite: “he is dead”

prof openly sobbed
only then this moment in
history sunk in

Setting: Freshman year, Donnelly Hall, University of Missouri, 22 November 1963



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