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*Mil Riese*

I like those old smiles  
out of old faces!  
Sudden, luminous,  
they rise like cream, like sun,  
blinding, surprising,  
fortuitous as a new day,  
a second chance, saying -

"I'm still here, under this mask!  
I glow, I grieve, I speculate  
on mysteries and fate.  
I know that sneak thief, Luck,  
that old reprobate, Romance.  
Intensely acquainted  
with every foolishness -  
I've got the facts you need.  
Rinsed  
in icy streams of humor,  
of course.  
A few stinging drops  
won't spoil your smooth, bright face  
at all. At all."