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Rolling dice of the stars
Run to another café
On a plum-hued evening

Girl races past in midnight-blue cape
Stop at the Falstaff for brandy
And crabbing about Hemingway

So many young men
So little attention to our art
Are we wasting these electric nights

What do we have to write about
We've never known despair, acute loneliness,
Deep sorrow

Have we ever felt true hunger,
Terror, crazed frustration,
Powerlessness?

The worst anguish was when Father wrote
"Striving to be a poet is unmanly
I will cut your allowance in half"

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