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## Nothing New

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Brave new world when this mustachioed,  
tousle-haired old geezer

met this brash young rich kid with the  
slicked spikes and soul patch,

mister ennuied-with-the-world  
begat the devil-may-care millionaire,

and Paige typesetters melted  
into West Egg moonshine.

He put down the three martinis  
and clamped on a New England hard-hat,

then went out frothing foam,  
having drowned a mass

of brave and witless men  
in a sea of electrified fencing.

Meanwhile the kid woke up  
one morning at age forty

and found he'd misplaced his wife  
and his entire digestive system,

down the tubes like so  
many lost countries.