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THE BOOK

He was going to write a book
about men,
men he knew and had known
big men good men tough an' strong
smart men men's men humble an' loud
men of silence and men proven fools
of the kind of men he'd learned to know.

He was going to write a book
about life,
life he knew and had known
rallys an' riots an' dangerous peace
of beatings and burnings an' metal meals
and a type of classical show case Justice.

I, really was going to write a book
but there wouldn't be enough pages
enough words or enough people to read
to read and understand as I have
to realise that they're my kind of men
and this is my kind of life.