

## LITTLE WORDS (naturally)

If you can't get your meaning across  
without using little words, you can forget  
the art of communication, *parla come mangi*  
you said in your native tongue  
and who would like to appear a gluttonous  
pachiderm with no concern for etiquette?  
But if I am to speak with the simplicity  
of I like you or I don't, I will or I won't  
and there's truth in your slogan,  
what will my diet consist of? I am only  
asking because the mince of a 'nice day'  
or 'I am sorry' has no sauce  
in the dry recipes of some situations,  
the meaty parts dessicate with lack  
of turning over this meaning and that  
till the juices of improvisation  
lose their tang. Still, I must be modest  
and speak in small amounts  
so as not to be considered a big eater.