

## Staring (The 31st Floor)

### Hammers of Misfortune

Chairs were mahogany crystal was set  
Finest of victuals wealth can beget  
Table and Chairmen were gathered around  
Portraits of patriarchs glowering down  
Staring....

Heads of the families save one that was missed  
20-ton specter was not on the list  
Freshly cut flowers and straw in the breeze  
Obvious octopus nobody sees  
Staring...

And as the Chairman  
Appears at the door  
The specter is elsewhere  
The 31st floor  
An obstacle course  
Of the finest decor  
One ear to the bell  
One eye on the door  
Staring...

Racing his thoughts and fighting the tape  
Pacing the cell as his fate takes the shape  
Of a 20-ton specter who's not on the list  
Too big to fall too bad to be missed just  
Staring...