

## The Lady is Linging

Sparks

Every word pronounced distinctly, slowly  
There are no contractions, nothing slurred  
Unprepared you watch in rank amazement  
As she lights her cigarette and stirs  
Every motion is complete, no editing of anything  
Encouraging, encouraging, and not  
the customary bill of fare

Can't you see the lady is lingering  
(lingering)  
This lady's lingering, and you cannot believe  
the reason why

Every sip is of the smallest quantity  
That still denotes apparent thirst  
Every question is a means to draw long answers  
Play the fool, it doesn't hurt  
Splitting, splitting headache coming  
Get up early in the morning  
Where are the funny phrases  
That are always followed by goodbye

Is it now all up to you, do you now  
guide the evening, or do you await  
a further signal, a look, a touch, a sigh

Risky business, all this waiting, wondering  
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