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Known as "Antsie" by the shop crew  
~~He had always been rigid~~  
Was a man of tight conscience  
Who curving his razor around his <sup>clouds</sup> chin each day remembered  
An undertaker's assistant  
An undertaker's assistant  
An undertaker's assistant would one day do so,  
Who mailing his premiums down the shoot each month <sup>fore knew</sup> remembered  
His bereaved family  
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His bereaved family would <sup>someday</sup> ~~gather~~ collect & count & weep  
Who in short did all he ever did in keen awareness of  
That dreadful Day  
That dreadful Day  
That dreadful Day of his imagination  
Which memory had not yet served him

One cloudless day he died of fright  
The doctor cautiously observed  
His far right auricle had been in constant flight  
For fifty years or so of night

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