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Dale Jackson
(1973)

PARTY

Hello!

The door opens to the black and red
and the burbon with a beat,
They are all so glad you came
(Tho they can't recall your name),
the room breathes with the beat...
the token beat, the token belle, the token beau,
and the token negro
putting a fleshy arm across your back
and offering good times in a glass...
-blanketing your head in warmth
and phonograph music...good times,
There is the actor and the musician,
working hard at their trade
(perfecting characters they've made),
giving token kisses
like little fishes cured in vinegar and tobacco
(I am having such a good time
that all i can think about is going home
to wash away the Ginger, the Fred, the debonair
and all the red lipstick)

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