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AUGUSTUS' EVE-SONG

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Florence Alabama front porch sittin' on the swing
katydid summer evenin'
Bugs in the trees singin' their evesong
everybody on their front porches
(in the foreground a swept clean walk....)
 "How you, this evenin'?"
 "Oh, tol'able....."

Old man and old dog old front porch
oldtimer remnants of the past reflected in cloudy eyes and
white almost gone hair....
if you look hard enough,
if you coaxed him out of the shady recesses of the porch
into the sun,
you can see old murky images of the past
reflected on his shiny bald pink pate....

—Thomas P. Greer