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CULTURAL MARGINALIA

The Great American Poet read his Lana Turner poem.
Robert Lowell didn't like it at all.
His response winds up in the dustbin of history.

Sometimes I'm just producing cultural marginalia.
Poetry comments, about everything.
The trivial and the grand.

Louis said we were kibitzers,
and I guess that's true. My poems have never been
broad cultural statements.

Someday someone will realize I was speaking
to them, for them.

It's the 21st century, and everyone's
distracted. Somehow culture goes on.