

ROUNDHAY GARDEN SCENE

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Unless so directed, people will not walk
in gardens as these four walk.
And these have been so directed.

In ten days the old lady will die
(the first motion-picture actress
to do so). The other woman's young,

well-dressed, and doesn't
quite yet know what to do with her hands,
finding them, as she does, at the ends

of her arms. And the old man
moves about, as if
resisting direction, but

with a will to match that
of the lad marching in quest of something,
perhaps, that was lost.

They look away from the box,
for all of two seconds
and are gone.