

МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО, МЛАДЕЖТА И НАУКАТА

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Dictation

There was nothing to it. // The super chief was on time, / as always, / and the subject was / as easy to spot / as a kangaroo in a dinner jacket. // She wasn't carrying anything / but a paperback / which she dumped / in the first trash can / she came to. // She sat down / and looked at the floor. // An unhappy girl, / if ever I saw one. // After a while she got up / and went to the book rack. // She left it without picking anything out, / glanced at the big clock on the wall, / and shut herself in a telephone booth. // She talked to someone / after putting a handful of silver / into the slot. // Her expression didn't change at all. // She hung up / and went to the magazine rack, / picked a magazine, / looked at her watch again, / and sat down to read. //

She was wearing / a midnight blue tailor-made suit / with a white blouse / showing at her neck / and a big blue pin / which would probably / have matched her earrings, / if I could see her ears. // Her hair was a dusky red. // She looked like her photograph, / but a little taller than I expected. // Her dark blue ribbon hat / had a short veil / hanging from it. // She was wearing gloves. //

After a while / she moved across the arches / outside of which the taxis wait. // She looked left at the coffee shop, / turned and went into the main waiting-room, / glanced at the drugstore and news-stand, / the information booth, / and the people / sitting on the clean wooden benches. // Some of the ticket windows were open, / some not. // She wasn't interested in them. // She sat down again / and looked up at the big clock. // She put off her right glove / and set her wrist watch, / a small plain platinum toy / without jewel. // Mentally I put Miss Vermilyea / beside her. // She didn't look soft or prim, / but she made Vermilyea look like a pick-up. //

(Adapted from "*Playback*" by Raymond Chandler)

*Преди първия прочит на текста на дъската в съответната зала се изписват
собствените имена от текста: Vermilyea [və: 'miliə].*
