

## Lazarus

Lazarus rose from the dead, so they say.  
I don't know, I wasn't there, not that day.  
Still, it must have been a fine thing.  
After all, when you're dead, zing!  
You're gone, there's no tomorrow,  
Only those left behind to sorrow.

I wonder how it occurred back then?  
Not many had revived after that end.  
Had he any thoughts about coming back?  
Or was he glad to get out of that sack?  
What do you do when the dear departed  
Returns, as though he had never started?

Did the undertaker have to repay his fee?  
What about all those flowers – they weren't free.  
I guess that it is all right to return from the dead;  
Seems like a worrisome thing, it must be said.  
I think that Lazarus committed a very great crime.  
After all, he cheated death -- for a time.

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