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LAUGHERS

Dream-singers,
Story-tellers,
Dancers,
Loud laughs in the hands of Fate –
 My people.
Dish-washers,
Elevator-boys,
Ladies' maids,
Crap-shooters,
Cooks,
Waiters,
Jazzers,
Nurses of babies,
Loaders of ships,
Rounders,
Number writers,
Comedians in vaudeville
And band-men in circuses –
Dream-singers all, –
 My people.
Story-tellers all, –
My people.
 Dancers –
God! What dancers!
 Singers –
God! What singers!
Singers and dancers
Dancers and laughers.
 Laughers?
Yes, laughers... laughers... laughers –
Loud-mouthed laughers in the hands
 Of Fate.



