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### **I'm Glad You Won't Be There**

I'm glad you won't be there.  
I don't intend attending that affair myself.

Death, said my father,  
is a pagan superstition  
I don't believe in.

And with that  
He vanished in the tree trunk  
like the Cheshire cat.

*Irene Orgel*