

At the Exhibition

One painting 'Summer' sings to me, the stroke
of pink on a turning cheek captures laughter,
the ring of joyful chat, the zing of bees,
but in the postcard, luminous green is grey,
the crowd silenced, this riotous golden season
stilled in tame and mute facsimile.

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