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## Good News, Bad News

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"I am German." This is the central meaning  
Of the century in which Gray  
Landed, and spent one  
Entire life in its minutiae  
At a teardrop's end.

Is this it? To look back 30 years hence  
And realize these dim  
Days are it, were it, that things go  
On like this awhile  
Then stop? Every star is a plane.

They move further away, a house lit up  
Inside. Gray is hanging next year  
Beside files silent  
And white, stuffed with good news and bad  
Crumpled together:

Photographs of the doomed captioned with wedding names.  
The anonymous witness' face a vague stain.