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## An Alternate Mirror

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I check out with just a chorus of people all bitchin'  
about how horrible the country's immigration policy is  
and the failing economy and the drought. 'This exchange is  
going to be tragic,' I think to myself; then, almost like fate;  
I get some older displaced farm worker who used to do odd  
jobs for me on the mountain behind the house and he  
recognizes me, really knows his stuff. Seems like he was in  
an awful hurry though; no real time to chit-chat.

I pass the glasses shop on my way to the door and remind  
myself to get an eye exam, *soon*. "Be sure and keep that  
receipt," Teiresias smiles a cookie sweet dough wrapped  
around obesity smile. Where do they get these people  
anyway? I hold up my bag, like a secret, like they want you  
to, like you found the meaning of life at Walmart. I notice  
the sun falling over the red western sky, a candy sundrop  
fame flashing gone. How much time have I wasted on this  
one errand in the wilderness?

"You might need to return something," he adds.

"You might need to return something," I say sarcastically  
under my breath. What a know-it-all. And to think all  
I have to look forward to at home is whether or not  
the two boys have settled their argument yet.  
I might as well wish my life away to retirement  
in the white clouds and calm of Mt. Kithaeron.

## *An Alternate Mirror*

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Sometimes when I look  
Into the mirror I see myself as  
Unattractive. So, I found an  
Even uglier person to  
Marry.