

However uninnocent they may have been  
In being there so early in our history.  
They'd been there then a hundred years or more.  
Pity he didn't ask what they were up to  
At that date with a wharf already built,  
And take their name. They've since told me their name -  
Today an honored one in Nottingham.  
As for what they were up to more than fishing -  
Suppose they weren't behaving Puritanly,  
The hour had not yet struck for being good,  
Mankind had not yet gone on the Sabbatical.  
It became an explorer of the deep  
Not to explore too deep in others' business.

Did you but know of him, New Hampshire has  
One real reformer\*\*\*\*\* who would change the world  
So it would be accepted by two classes,  
Artists the minute they set up as artists,  
Before, that is, they are themselves accepted,  
And boys the minute they get out of college.  
I can't help thinking those are tests to go by.

And she has one I don't know what to call him,  
Who comes from Philadelphia every year  
With a great flock of chickens of rare breeds  
He wants to give the educational  
Advantages of growing almost wild  
Under the watchful eye of hawk and eagle  
Dorkings\*\*\*\*\* because they're spoken of by Chaucer,  
Sussex\*\*\*\*\* because they're spoken of by Herrick.

She has a touch of gold. New Hampshire gold -  
You may have heard of it. I had a farm  
Offered me not long since up Berlin way  
With a mine on it that was worked for gold;  
But not gold in commercial quantities,  
Just enough gold to make the engagement rings