

## XXVII

### MEMORABILIA

stop look &

listen Venezia:incline thine  
ear you glassworks  
of Murano;  
pause  
elevator nel  
mezzo del cammin' that means half-  
way up the Campanile,believe

thou me cocodrillo—

mine eyes have seen  
the glory of

the coming of  
the Americans particularly the  
brand of marriageable nymph which is  
armed with large legs rancid  
voices Baedekers Mothers and kodaks  
—by night upon the Riva Schiavoni or in  
the felicitous vicinity of the de l'Europe

Grand and Royal  
Danielli their numbers

are like unto the stars of Heaven....

i do signore  
affirm that all gondola signore  
day below me gondola signore gondola  
and above me pass loudly and gondola  
rapidly denizens of Omaha Altoona or what  
not enthusiastic cohorts from Duluth God only,  
gondola knows Cincingondolanati i gondola don't

—the substantial dollarbringing virgins