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PROBLEM

*Vanity of vanities, all is vanity,
Saieth the preacher;*

But about this particular specimen of humanity
Opposite, who will be our teacher?

Is it really so very odd
That a chap with a body like a Greek god
Should want to glory in it
Every waking minute?
Isn't it his positive duty
To share his beauty?

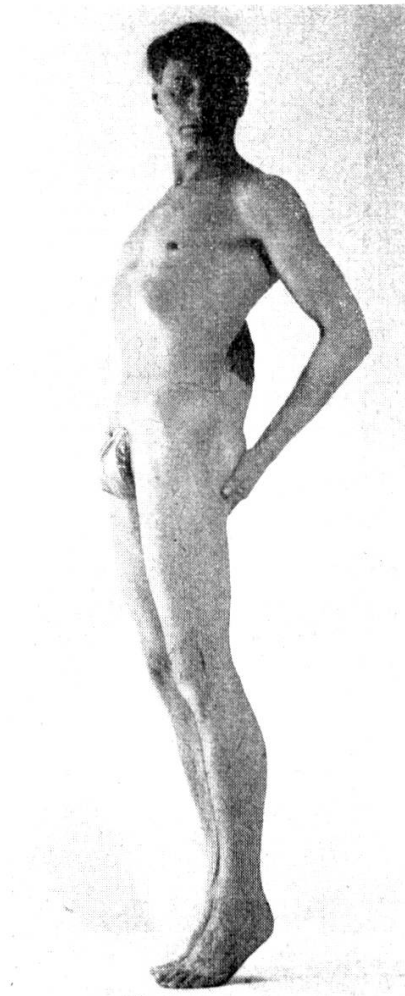
I'm not interested in theories —
In abstractions strung together in neat logical series —
Give me the answer
About this particular nude male dancer:

Not interested in his private life or his past history —
It's today I want to penetrate his body's mystery,
And know the slim
Brown naked *him*:

Who is able to reconcile
Those who find that nakedness vile
With those of us who see death forever defied
In his quiet, triumphant body-pride? —
And think it's as near as we get to the divine
In nineteen-hundred-and-fifty-nine.

One more look. To you all I appeal.
What truly is it proper for us to feel?
Attraction, inspiration, worship, trust —
Or horror and disgust?

In a nutshell, is this nude
Evil — or good?



by O. F. Simpson

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