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Hello Mr. Crews:

— I'll be honest with you. You might as well keep these poems as long as you want to because when you do send them back I'll just throw them away.

Except for the new ones on top, these poems have been rejected by "Poetry" magazine and a new outfit "Embryo." Favorable remarks, etc., but they do not think my stuff is poetry. I know what they mean. The idea is there but I can't break thro' the skin. I can't work the dial. I'm not interested in poetry. I don't know what interests me. Mon-dullness I suppose. Proper poetry is dead poetry even if it looks good.

Keep these things as long as you like. You're the only one who has shown an interest. If I do any more I'll send them out to you.

Sincerely,
the Berhansky's