

# The Poet's New Revolver Speaks

## *Smith & Wesson, Model 60*

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*Western Hills*, Graham Sutherland, 1938-41

When old age shall this generation waste,  
    Whatever Grecian urn, if it remains  
In midst of other woes than those you faced,  
    Remains by accident: the pounding rains  
That *didn't* mar the marble's skin, the haste  
    That *didn't* shatter it, the packing twine  
    That held. I'll be there, too—but by design.

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