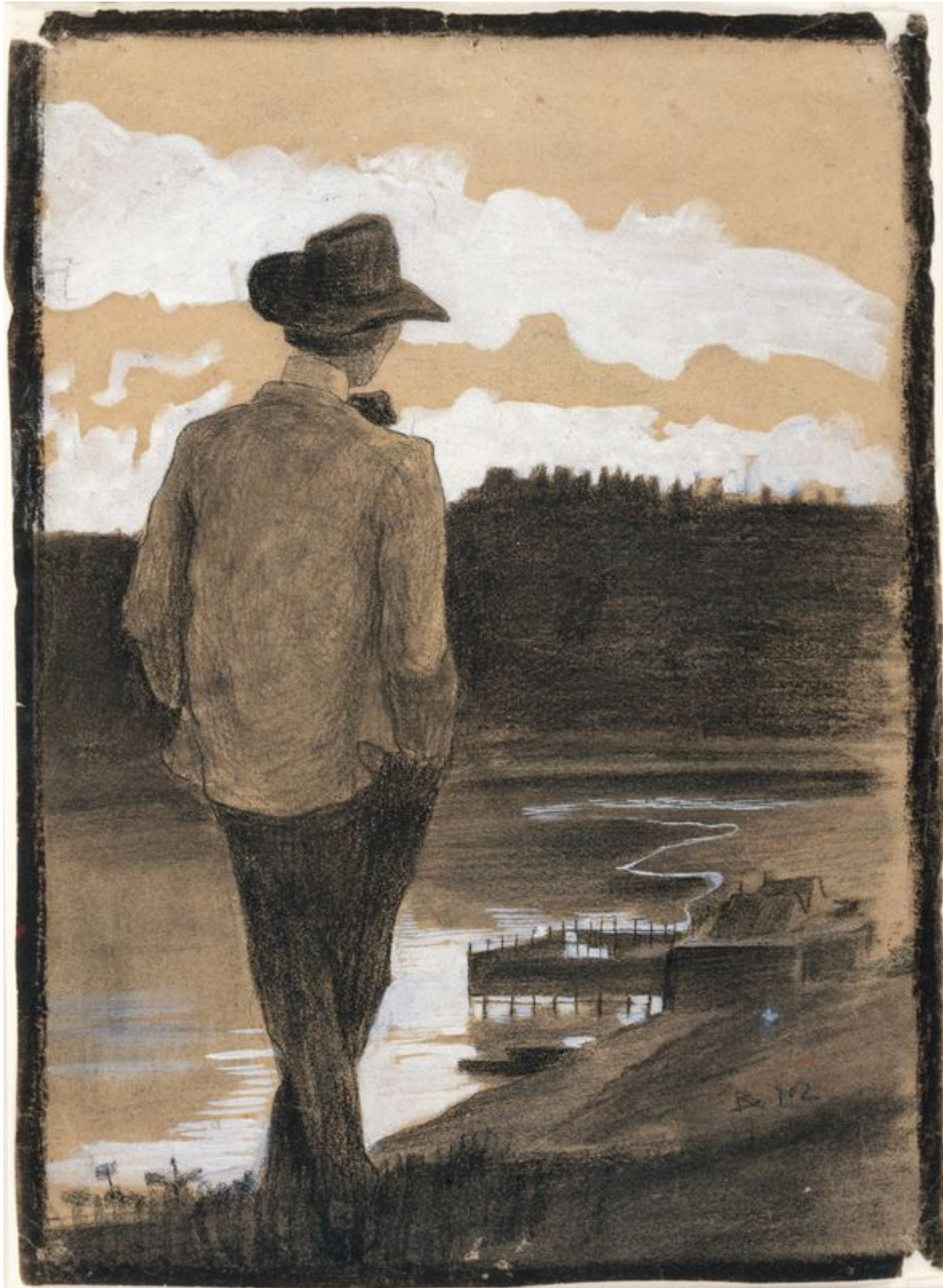


There is a Jolly Traveling Man

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Young Man on a Riverbank, Umberto Boccioni, 1902

There is a jolly traveling man
With a twinkling eye
That does what he can,
As far as possible, not to die.

And he travels many a mile,
Many a full and fulsome day,
With a great white smile
And eyes that are gray.

But he comes to a crossroad
And for a moment blinks
And his teeth are yellowed
And seeing nothing, he thinks

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