

Mensch

I wish I were a mensch instead of a puer
effective in the world instead of just aware
I'd gird my loins and gather strength and do what I must do
to make Walter Mitty dreams in reality come true

I wish I weren't paralyzed, imprisoned in my cell
instead of on the dole, I would model doing well
I'd inspire half the multitude, I'd offer glowing gold
Instead of quale and quiver, I'd deliver big and bold

The world is in such need Just looking at it hurts
Instead of helping everyone near everything subverts
Though I know it all must fall apart I wish that I could help
Some brilliant deed could yet come forth instead of just this yelp

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I'd gird my loins and do my part
and dare and dare and dare