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*Four legged daddy-longlegs run for cover between fluffs
of dandelion.*

*Dragonflies buzz upward flying high . . . at a price
like the rest.*

Past times

*Your wanderings through the long grass, dry weed pollinating
unsaturated earth.*

Grabbing at flesh passing, thirsty thorns.

*These romantic heaths . . . where Shelly wrote, others raped,
still others died in the shrubbery.*

*Multi-personalited patch of greenery cheering up otherwise
pathetic scenery.*

*Dirt paths rolling up and down, choppy watered ponds
sink miniature yachts. While depressed captains sit on
the shores and attempt to regain contact -
with survivors on board.*

*U.S. Girl Scout troupe 381 march one path as "The International
Wild Grouse Society" takes another. Both intermingle while
running for shelter from the "West Hampton Fox Hunting Club"
on horseback and in pursuit.*

*A "slightly mad" man wounded at war - "The big one! '41!" shouts
of the inhumanity of ruthless vegetable slaughtering.
"Vegetables they feel! There's scientific proof!"
shouted the parched and crying mouth.*

*All of this you observe obliviously, from your room, your
window . . . looking over the rose gardens and immaculately
kept lawn.*

A view looking over the heath . . .

*press your hand to the cool glass pane . . . never through it
but, always close.*

A view looking over the heath.

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