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KIND HEARTS AND BLIND SPOTS

Mrs. Roosevelt, I do wonder.
About that silver fox.
You were so perfect, kind and good,
But somehow about wild creatures
You never quite understood.
But I believe if you had listened with
Your gentle heart,
As you did for blacks, children and
Other victims of custom,
That *neckpiece* you would have jettisoned.
Little foxes and others would have had a
Fresh start—
A life of freedom; better yet, left unborn
If their sad fate
Was to adorn
Another First Lady, housewife, T.V.-movie star.
Those strangely blind
To what happens afar

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