## Robert Walser Thirty Poems

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A woman's awe-inspiring blouse
I have lived in rooms
Börne said Heine had no character
"Apparently you're very poor"
Little flowers stand in the field
You fool, you do not know the ways of children
Indescribably rich my attire46
The town might well be built of porcelain
Only half an hour ago
There still is something fine
Ways there are that in themselves aren't new
This life, how old it is
The houses do not blow but stand robust
Yes, I confess that for some years past 57
Not that I intend this to have a political sense
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