

Lines between birthdays; Iowa City

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*People are saying
the marks are upon us,
we know each other by looks.*

*We have all come from
affliction, we have come
by way of crying,
we have all come from
laughing too much.*

*People are saying
people manage, people
who manage to say so.*

*People are saying
how old are you?*

II

*If you speak in your own voice,
they will hear you.*

*If they hear you,
you will be encouraged.*

I believe in being encouraged.

Proper names.

Such a good idea.

*Any one might be
a credit to letters!*

III

*Ahead of me a road stretches
like all the others?.*

I have ideas for an alphabet.

Twenty-six, over and over.