

Renoir: Le Moulin de la Galette

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Crowded into the heart are impressions past
These are not recognized in the available light
of the present. So they sit in the dappled shade
drinking, the clear glass partially filled with
red liquid. Hat tilted back. Black top hat
Straw hat with black band. Studying man with pen
in hand. The band playing somewhere. Politicians
explaining thoughts to politicians, within earshot of two
ladies, and a man leaning against a tree. The rouge on her
high cheek is red. We all wear rouge it seems
Straw hats alleviate the weight of things
Many of the women concentrate on the gentleman
Perhaps the man leaning against the tree is speaking
quietly to the woman in green, who is pregnant

