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T H E Y

They are cunning:
Linguistically superior,
Sexually far more normal,
Naturally in tune.
They are running things round here.

They asked me to say
You are welcome
But if you pick the flowers . . .
Well, just don't try,
That's all.

Starting with this buttercup,
This small, blue buttercup.

E A R L Y

When you don't know where you're going
You have to start out early.