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Photograph depicting Nathan Leopold (left) and Richard Loeb in court, taken August 8, 1924. Image online, courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

*Now hollow fires burn out to black,
And lights are fluttering low:
Square your shoulders, lift your pack
And leave your friends and go.
O never fear, lads, naught's to dread,
Look not left nor right:
In all the endless road you tread
There's nothing but the night.*

From A Shropshire Lad

By A. E. Housman

(1896)

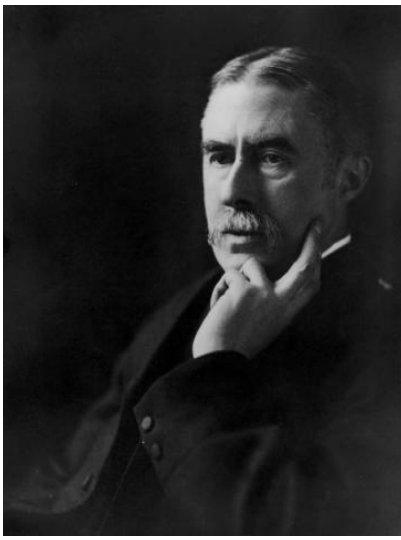
It's September, 1924. As Clarence Darrow - one of the most brilliant trial lawyers of the 20th century - quotes these words from A.E. Houseman, he is in the midst of a twelve-hour hearing, pleading for mercy in a Chicago courtroom. The public outcry has been

No mercy!!

The defendants, 19-year-old Nathan Leopold and 18-year-old Richard Loeb, had viciously kidnapped and killed 14-year-old Bobby Franks. Had they shown mercy to him?

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A.E. Housman

Photo of A.E. (Alfred Edward) Housman by E.O. Hoppe, 1910 - online, courtesy [LIFE Photo Archive](#).

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