On another occasion, a "clawsical" musical composition was being introduced over the air. Like nearly all such stuff, it sounded terrible, and again one of these highbrow critics was introduced to explain the strange noise. Here is what he fed the patient public (again we quote): "The musical offering was suggested by a beautiful poem in which the idea offered was that the hero Sirius was sired by the god Zeus and his mother was a white swan."

And so, my friends, if one must treat with such impossible nonsense in order to be called a poet, please call me something else.

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