

Beards

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I'm a bearded one, surmise
some look askance at me. Hippy,
methinks they say. Way
back when I was a kid, only one
red bearded man in the neighborhood. Communist,
we'd say. Only other in my recollection
a full-fledged white bearded actor, Monty Woolley.
Gave him celebrity, we'd say. Could he act?
Don't recall.

In my later adolescent years shaved sometimes
twice daily, sensitive to being clean-shaven
very fair complexion, dark brown hair.
Used to say, Had a five o'clock shadow at 3pm. Today
stubble on a young male in a Banana Republic ad is in.

Now, at my age, beard and all, could be mistaken for a sage.
I can live with that.