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We Real Cool

BY GWENDOLYN BROOKS

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The Pool Players.

Seven at the Golden Shovel.

We real cool. We
Left school. We

Lurk late. We
Strike straight. We

Sing sin. We
Thin gin. We

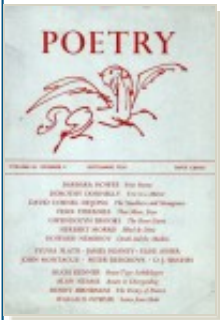
Jazz June. We
Die soon.

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