Lucia Joyce, schizophrenia and Carl Jung

"...they were yung and easily freudened..."
James Joyce, *Finnegan's Wake*

"like two people going to the bottom of a river, one falling and the other diving."
Interview with Carl Jung, Richard Ellmann

The daughter of James Joyce, Lucia Joyce, was seen by Jung in 1934. She had been showing signs of mental illness since her late teens and early twenties. Joyce delayed for a number of years in seeking treatment for her. Jung diagnosed her as schizophrenic, and she was committed to the Burghölzi Hospital in Zurich.

The failure of recognize schizophrenia in its early stages is reminiscent of another tragic case mentioned earlier, that of Jared Loughner. In spite of the substantial world-wide incidence of schizophrenia (estimated to be between .5% and 1%), there is considerable societal ignorance about it, coupled with limited recognition and limited resources for treatment.

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