

# Poetry Porch: Poetry

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## **Broom**

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*After Wislawa Szymborska*

Along about now, someone  
needs to dig up  
all the rusted detritus

take a broom  
to the roadside heaps  
of rubble and rhetoric

trudge through the boring arguments  
and doctored photos & videos  
rebuild the broken bridges

excavate the hidden feelings  
of winter discord  
find someone who will listen

empty their heads of the turnips  
of intolerance to anyone who  
doesn't think as they do

drag their feet out of the mud  
breathe deeply  
and watch the clouds  
saunter by.