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#### Abstract

Poem

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### Warningsigns

Harsh tongues

soften; gentler tempers
ignite on contact. Rumors
reproduce on the hour—
Bobby swears seven/ Dave heard four/
Steve is definite: three today
five next Friday.

At coffee

John swallows his hot and jumps back to work; Kenny whines about why a just-married guy needs a job most; Curt lectures on 'what he never liked about this wormshop.'

Much as a farmer smells an approaching storm an experienced mechanic can taste it in the morning coffee break:

lavoff today.

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