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Abstract

Poem

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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:

layoff today.

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