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Praise to the Poets

Praise to the poets who bare all,
their soul
on the page.

Praise for their sage words
and
their sleeves full of heart.

Praise to those poets whose brave art
brings commonality in
disparate times.

Praise to the poets who give solace
to the desolate
and hope
to desperate minds.

Praise to the poets who bring balm to the sores
of existence.

Their own skin chapped through living,
their throats chafed through grieving.