

When I Couldn't Afford Poetry

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mf

Clo-set full of words, heaped up, ___

f ruvido *mf*

4

rea-dy for Good-will. On the re-fri-ge-ra-tor door, the list ___ grows

6

poco

long-er: ket - chup spat-tered words. I would have writ - ten. Prose ___

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stalks ___ me, in-ter-rupt - ed ___ at ev-'ry turn of phrase: gar - ru-lous

11 *mf*

bills, kids' teeth, Mas - ter Charged con - science prod-ding me a - wake, hea-vy with

13 *mf*

words. Breasts

15 *mp*

ach-ing, full of words, sun - ny-bloom-ing wine days, head

17 *mf*

aches, cu-mu - lus

12

stan-zas es-cap-ing through blue sky. No bal-lads in crowds to-day

14

mp
Home, speech-less with good sense,

16

mf Words, hus-tled in-to dust-pans, words clog-ging the drains. *mp*

18

mp
and al-ways wait-ing,

21 *mf*

wait - - ing, wait - - - ing: three dumb note - books -

23 *mp*

pa - ges blank, point - less as store - fresh Wam - sut - ta per -

25 *mp* *f* *mf*

cale no - bo - dy's slept in. Words! Words I would have writ - ten, words I would have

28 *p* *molto* *barely a whisper*

writ - ten heaped up... wait - ing, wait - ing speech - less...