

TAKE HEART

A Conversation in Poetry

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In today's poems, Bob Brooks of Stockton Springs offers two very different perspectives on mistakes. In "Regret" he looks back sadly on mistakes he has made; in "Snap," a mouse looks joyfully ahead, unaware that it is making them.

Regret

It's like skipping a stone—
one thing reminds me of another.
And when the stone sinks,
I don't go after it.

I don't go after it.
But when the stone sinks,
it reminds me of another.

Another regret
like a skipping stone
I don't go after—

another stone,
sinking.

Snap

Poor mousie
living for months

on toilet paper
from the linen closet

one day finds bagels
and English muffins
in a kitchen cupboard

thinks she's died
and gone to heaven

yep

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