

# TAKE HEART

## A Conversation in Poetry

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The connection between poetry and prayer has often been mentioned, preparing us for this week's poem by a veteran poet and long-time Maine resident, Nancy Henry.

### From the Toy Box

*by Nancy Henry*

God

they sent me to tell you  
none of us can help it.  
Can't operate correctly,  
can't fly, won't wind up,  
can't even make a start  
for the tops of those clouds.  
So many pieces melted,  
bent, skewed, pocked,  
utterly undermined with rust.

What we want to know:  
when this ends,  
how will you decide  
which ones of us  
are most broken,  
how will you choose  
which ones of us  
to throw away?

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