

PATIENCE, POET

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Dear Poet:

When things aren't right
and you can't write
hold on tight
to your poet title
knowing that writing will return in time
when you've cleared your mind
Poetry will be near
Poetry is not impatient
When you've lost your patience or become the patient
When there is a weight on you
Poetry WILL wait for you
Like children waits on parents
when it is apparent
that you need to step away to regroup
Poetry will wait for you
Like a groom waits for his bride
Take it all in stride
Poetry will sit in a period of delay
So even if you do not write today
Poetry will wait
And wait
And Wait
While you're starting a family
Starting a new job
When life is hectic
When life is hard
Through broken heartedness
To "getting over this"
Poetry WILL WAIT FOR YOU
For goodness sake
While you're sleep and awake
When you've had all you can take
Poetry will wait
Like a hope-ful romantic

When you're at ease or panicked
When you're taking care of yourself
When you're caregiving for someone else
Poetry will never give up on you
So hold all of this to be true
You
Are the best thing that happened to poetry
No matter how long it has been
You will still be a poet
As soon as you pick up your pen