

shelter in **poems**

in this challenging time
more and more people are turning to poetry

if it didn't exist
poetry would have to be invented
because there would be an intolerable hunger

maybe, but I don't think Muriel Rukeyser
would have anything to do with this

you know April's National Poetry Month
and we're usually busy raising funds
we'd like you to make a financial contribution

(and clicking on the text of any poem we also get . . .

as we shelter in poems

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While the world is so uncertain, poets and poetry
continue to provide comfort and fortitude. If you're
able, please donate to our work to bring poetry to
the many new readers seeking it.

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the academy always finds some way
to give hope – Naomi Shibah Nye

a pretty choreographed show
I've been reading love poems
my heart needs comforting

and then Roque Dalton, translated by Jack Hirshman!
How did a commie get in to this party?
(read well, in Spanish and English, by Alberto Rios)
“and that poetry, like bread, is for everyone”

and let's all remember to contribute
to the Academy of American Poets

heavy duty contribution reminders “if you're able”
before and during every poem
and during the two-minute break
chat has been disabled
support our free programs and publication

it is the time to turn to poetry
as we do when we need solace
it is a place to hide
in the shadow of care

and then Joy Harjo
who was just quoted
read a Galway Kinnell poem
he's a tactile poet
hard to know if she slept with him
one of the better performances

poetry has a musicality all its own
something about spiritual connections
everyone's celebrating
the Academy of American Poets