

Poetry Porch: Poetry

The News

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The news broke
and we couldn't put it back together,
said Yogi Berra in the locker room
after the loss.

The news broke up
with her high school boyfriend
who had done nothing to deserve this—
in fact, had done everything, everything
she had ever asked of him.

The news broke out
in redness and had trouble breathing.
There were nuts in the cupcakes.
Nuts. Nets. News.

The news broke
stubborn 'n ornery with the grip
of a ranch hand's fists and a few kicks
to its ribs
the maverick
at long last into a gallop
thence into a trot with a snort
for a palm full of oats.

The news, broke,
couldn't pay the bills
and was... [TBA]