

And whom do I call my enemy?  
An enemy must be worthy of engagement.  
I turn in the direction of the sun and keep walking.  
It's the heart that asks the question, not my furious mind.  
The heart is the smaller cousin of the sun.  
It sees and knows everything.  
It hears the gashing even as it hears the blessing.  
The door to the mind should only open from the heart.  
An enemy who gets in, risks the danger of becoming a friend.

Joy Harjo

### Enemies

## This Morning I Pray for My

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## Do not trust the eraser

Rosamond S. King

for Gabrielle Civil & Madhu H. Kaza

Do not trust the eraser. Prefer  
crossed out, scribbled over monuments  
to something once thought correct  
. Instead: colors, transparencies  
track changes, versions, iterations  
. How else might you return  
after discards, attempts  
and mis takes, to your  
original genius  
?

I like being with you all night with closed eyes.  
What luck—here you are  
coming  
along the stars!  
I did a road trip  
all over my mind and heart  
and  
there you were  
kneeling by the roadside  
with your little toolkit  
fixing something.  
Give me a world, you have taken the world I was.

Anne Carson

## O Small Sad Ecstasy of Love

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