## Simple X

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Some people wake up on Monday mornings barring maelstroms and red flare warnings with no explosions and no surprises perform a series of exercises

hold your fire take your place around an open fire

before your neurons declare a crisis before your trace Serotonin rises before you're reading your coffee grounds and before a pundit can make a sound and before you're reading your list of vices perform the simplest exercises

so here at the end
the war is over
there's nothing left to defend
no cliffs of Dover
so let us put down our pens
and this concludes our test
our minds are scattered about
from hell to breakfast

hold your fire take your place around an open fire don't open fire