

## August

Tom Verlaine

(Ah, shucks...  
I should have brought my raincoat,  
I knew I should have brought it.)

My illusions disappear,  
At the very thought of you,  
Like last night's rain from the rooftops.

Now it's August twenty-fourth.  
Cool as the lining of your coat,  
I read the sign but do not stop.

A quiet room, not long ago;  
Beneath the silent blue delivery.  
No metaphor, no memory.  
Above the hours, always shining through.

Just the sweetest...  
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Goodness gracious, my, oh, my.  
I'm really off the hinges,  
Thinking of time as something tight, so tight.

But you've made a garden from,  
A single tulip on the bed.  
I count my blessings all the night.

A quiet room, not long ago;  
Beneath the silent blue delivery.  
No metaphor, no memory.  
Above the hours, always shining through.

Course I know that it's not wise,  
Gazing into sunlight.  
Just the things it falls upon.

But the final vision has  
Grown at least a hundred-fold.  
I see your disillusion gone.

A quiet room, not long ago.  
Beneath the silent room, deliver me.  
No metaphor, no memory  
Above the hours always shining through.  
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