

## Swelters

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after the splice  
when the temperature's nice  
after the patch  
when everything's a match  
after the patch

after the edit  
when it's had time to set  
when it's smooth  
then it's time to move  
when it is smooth

go consult your elders  
look into the thatch  
any day that swelters  
there's still some shelter  
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after the cool  
when it's wound on the spool  
when it's spent  
you're rarely glad it went  
when it is spent