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Defender of the New Road

You Stand Alone.

Outside in rain to melt witches

Left in cold even snowmen would shudder.

No bigger than an eight year-old

Not nearly as valuable or irreplaceable

Blinking solemnly at passersby

Your time has ended, your brethren retrieved

You have been left behind.

You are just a lone road construction barrel,

Left to face the seasons.



Sherri Quirke Bolcevic

The Real World

Patrick O'Brien

Eight Miles to Work

Eight Hours of Work

One hour of break

Twenty minutes of driving

Fifteen minutes waiting for the bus

Three hours of class

Six hours of sleep

Repeat.