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UPON HEARING GOOD NEWS

It's come to this:
Despair's a cinch;
anyone can do it.
Hope instead like love
grows hard, each breath
another inch towards death.

But, oh! that first daffodil,
the robin come home from abroad,
a razor's edge of moon—
up from the darkness—*slice!*
sun in from the cold. And light?
Light glinting straight to the soul.

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