

War Stories

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Writing about traumatic events in my own life, and reading and listening to the stories of others who have experienced suffering in their lives, has helped me to heal.

This poem is about bar talk, and that kind of talk is called war stories.

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Come over to
The dark side
We've got cookies,
The bumper sticker invited.
O but the dark side
Is inviting;
We've got stories
Ugly, black,
But O so interesting.
You can dig around
In the mess, fall –
And feel better about yourself.
You're not so bad
After all,
Others are worse.
Savour them,
Play with the dirt.
When you immerse
Yourself in it,
Nothing will hurt.
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