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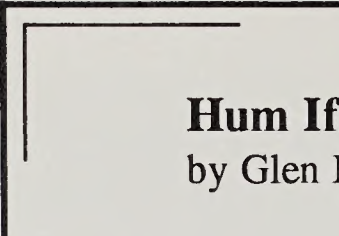
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## Hum If You Can't Sing

by Glen Brown

So what if at every turn in life we burst  
into song -- thoughtless as reciting a prayer --  
reward our feet with a waltz or two,

Congratulate ourselves with an aria  
then tap dance our way through  
the kitchen and dining room?

And suppose the musicians  
arrive early each morning  
to tune up their strings, oil their durms

while the white-gloved conductor  
waits with his cue sheet at the breakfast table?  
Could we expect a chorus

prophesying disaster  
or an overture announcing a new business deal?  
Why not ask for a drum roll through toiletry

or a diminuendo through dinner?  
And what might our friends say  
about all that sheet music stuffed in our pants

pockets, about our lives  
cluttered with voice lessons  
and rehearsals with girls in fishnet?

Imagine the fun of it all,  
the spotlight on us as we dance and sing,  
our pets joining in with happy tails

and the birds whistling from their cages,  
encouraging applause  
for our pitch-perfect responses each day.

