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Waters: Do the Wave

We took turns tolerating and ignoring,  
Making do with whatever happened to work.  
We tackled the ones we could,  
Solving the fixable to make us feel better.  
And we felt better, bonded by what was unique,  
Like a weed growing in the cracks,  
Beautiful even though damned by its name  
Surrounded by the coarse and broken company  
Of sidewalk.

We ignored  
the chipped concrete of the back porch  
Stained burgundy with mulberries,  
Alive with teeming flies and June bugs,  
The larvae moving underneath  
The garbage can lid that smelled like murder  
Or the back porch that looked like murder,  
Or another kind of death you have to be careful  
Not to talk about.



*Do the Wave*

Jim Waters