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- First line: A poem is not just
- Last line: learn the rest with your heart...

Learning by Heart

A poem is not just
the sum of its parts.
The number of lines
where its metaphors are.



It's not about digging
for meaning in stanzas.
It's a secret between us.
There are no wrong answers.

It's not some sort of test
a code to be cracked.
More a spell for a dreamer
or a musical map.

It just wants to be loved
not to fill you with dread.
Let it flow like a river
through the space in your head.

Let it sing you to sleep
hear its echoes in stars.
Find one piece you can keep
learn the rest with your heart . . .

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