

Hard Frost Warnings

by Ted Kooser

Someone is just now walking out in dusk
to gather up the last few ripe tomatoes
and to stand alone in the brown ruin
of cornhusks and pea vines, feeling the first
frost warnings in the outlying fields
of his heart.

Though I have nothing
to gather but words, I too have gone out
into the twilight, hoping to bring you
something still warm from the sun,
and to stand and look back toward that window
full of soft light which is you.

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