

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

The Simple Rituals Of Married Life

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

There's something wonderfully sweet about a wife cutting a husband's hair, and Bruce Guernsey, who lives in Illinois and Maine, captures it beautifully in this poem.

FOR MY WIFE CUTTING MY HAIR

You move around me expertly like the good, round Italian barber I went to in Florence, years before we met, his scissors a razor he sharpened on a belt. But at first when you were learning, I feared for my neck, saw my ears like sliced fruit on the newspapered floor. Taking us back in time, you cleverly clipped my head in a flat-top. The years in between were styles no one had ever seen, or should see again: when the wind rose half my hair floated off in feathers, the other half bristling, brief as a brush. In the chair, almost asleep, I hear the bright scissors dancing. Hear you hum, full-breasted as Aida, carefully trimming the white from my temples, so no one, not even I, will know.

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Listen To The Mechanic On This One

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
Our 2001 Subaru Forester (93,000 miles, we're the only owner) has been an excellent, essentially maintenance-free vehicle. Recently, when a front axle was replaced for a torn CV joint boot, the garage owner recommended a pre-emptive replacement of the timing belt. He says we're entering a period of likely failure, which can be problematic when on the road (especially in remote places). He also may have been suggesting that this failure can cause attendant engine damage. I am of the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" school, especially on car repairs that will run several hundred dollars. Predictably, my wife took the mechanic's word as gospel. What do you think? – **Terry**

RAY: I think if your wife always takes the mechanic's word as gospel, it's probably because you've given her plenty of reasons to do so, Terry. And you're about to give her one more.

TOM: Here's the story. There are two types of engines: interference engines and non-interference engines.

RAY: An interference engine is an engine whose pistons and valves share the same space inside the cylinders, but at different times. So when the valves are open, the piston is down and out of the way. And when the piston comes up, the valves are closed and out of the way. This is an efficient use of space, and gives the engine more power and better mileage.



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TOM: But. And this is a big but – bigger than JLo's. If the timing belt breaks on an interference engine, then the pistons and valves can collide. What does that mean? It means you need at least a new cylinder head, and perhaps a new engine. In either case, you've got a repair bill in the thousands.

RAY: And guess what, Terry? Your '01 Forester has an interference engine. Congratulations!

TOM: So if you opt for the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" approach in this case, when it IS broke, it could cost you \$25,000 for a new car instead of \$400 for a timing belt.

RAY: And statistically speaking, based on

the age and mileage of your car, your timing belt is ready to break any day now.

TOM: If your car happened to have a non-interference engine (where the pistons and valves don't cross over into each other's space), a broken timing belt would not be such a disaster. Your engine simply would stop running, and would leave you stranded. Although I'm not sure that would be popular with your wife, either.

RAY: But in this case, because of the type of engine you have (and many other cars have interference engines, too), it's actually a much more urgent matter. In fact, we recommend that you not only change the timing belt now, but also change the timing-belt tensioner and the water pump, because if either of those fails, it could break the timing belt, with the same disastrous results.

TOM: So that's a lot of stuff that "ain't broke" that you're going to be fixing, Terry. But it's the wise – and the cheaper – thing to do in this case.

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Adam, Garrett
Adam, Wyatt
Alarcon, Leslie
Arens, Jaclyn
Bartlett, Abbygail
Beckmann, Danielle
Bergeson, Kyle
Blagg, Mattie
Blom, Brooke
Bryan, Alexa
Cap, Kimberly
Chambers, Connor
Chavis, Michael
Dannenbring, John
Davis, Levi
DeWitt, Julie
Doyle, Jacob
Doyle, Shannon
Dvorak, Rachael
Eilers, Meagan
Eskins, Rachael
Evans, Caitlin
Frank, Kaitlyn
Geary, Cody
Greenaway, Evan
Guthmiller, Jace
Hale, Brady
Hauer, Heather
Houck, Kess
Jaquith, Morgyn
King, Betheny
Klimisch, Ethan
LaFave, Nicholas
Larson, Lindsay
Lattea, Zachariah
Layne, Julia
Leshner, Story
Lillie, Kendall
Lippert, Johanna
Logue, Madeleine
Magnuson, Kimberly
Mauch, Broc
Moderegger, Cole
Moody, Malan
Nelson, Jade
Osborne, Janae
Preheim-Reindl, James
Roy, Tristan
Rust, Elizabeth
Ruter, Taylor
Schmidt, Abigail
Schmidt, Danielle
Shindler, Jason
Slowey, Gabriella
Sprakel, Andriana
Sterk, Allison
Sternhagen, Ryan
Thiemann, Paige
Thiesse, Allie
Tolsma, Julius
Turner, Veronica
Ulmer, Brad
Wallis, Maggie
Westerman, Erica
Wieseler, Alex
Worm, Haylee
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Adam, Grace
Andersen, Ellen
Barnes, Kerby
Becker, Ashli
Benjamin, Brianna
Bockholt, Hannah
Bouza, Michael
Busskohl, Savannah
Cammock, Grant
Chu, Alina
Clark, Natasha
Cronin, Ramzie
Davenport, Micah
Drotzmann, Sophie
Dykstra, Tanner
Fedders, Ellison
Ferris, Natalie

Frick, Rachel
Frick, Rebecca
Gant, Sheldon
Gillis, Danielle
Goble, Jeryka
Golden, Paige
Gravholt, Amanda
Greaver, Talitha
Gregoire, Alicia
Gusso, Samuel
Haas, Christopher
Hagen, Allyssa
Jeffcoat, Olivia
Johnson, Hannah
Kelly, Joseph
Koenigs, Jenna
Koller, Jeffrey
Lacey, Ashley
Luken, Erin
Manning, Madeline
May, Kirsten
Miller, Darian
Muehlbeier, Jessica
Pasco, Presley
Peitz, Andrew
Savey, Blake
Sawatzke, Reid
Schild, Haley
Sejnoha, Alexis
Terca, Rayden
Thompson, Shianna
Trenhaile, Mikayla
VanMeeteren, Ashley
Vetter, Noah
Weinandt, Katelynn
Williams, Hannah
Withrow, Alexander
Wood, Rachel
Woods, Savannah
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Adam, Haden
Anderberg, Jacey
Arkfeld, Cortney
Arkfeld, Skylar
Ballard, Mason
Bertsch, Zoey
Binde, Jace
Bradwisch, Britney
Bratberg, Kaitlyn
Cowman, Linze
Cwach, Blake
Diede, Haleigh
Echols, Cassandra
Eskins, Ashley
Fedde, Lilyanna
Frank, Turner
Goeden, Brock
Hale, Lindsey
Henrickson, Madelynnne
Hiltunen, Elle
Janda, Chance
Jerke, Austin
Keller, Austin
Kinsley, Christopher
Kokesh, Katrianna
LaFave, Matthew
Lammers, Lucas
Lippert, Hunter
Mahowald, Makayla
Marlow, Robert
McGhee, Shayla
McKee, Sophie
Mines-Alver, Devon
Moser, Rebecca
Munyer, Travis
Perk, Lauryn
Rehurek, Abbigale
Russell, Brietta
Rust, Benjamin
Sangster, Nathan
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Saylor, Josie
Schaeffer, Katina
Schmidt, Kyle
Schulz, Isaac
Skillingstad, Brady
Slate, Treyson
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Boon, Amanda
Borgstrom, Dylan
Brinkman, Tristen
Cale, Trystan
Carr, Tyler
Cole, Raquel
Cross, Timothy
Dickerson, Kayla
Donat, Austin
Duncan, Alexandria
Franzen, Bailey
Gellerman, Matthew
Gilbery, Brent
Goolsby, Katie
Gruver, Alex
Haag, Alexa
Haro, Hanna
Hubbs, Jacob
Hudson, Olivia
Ishmael, Kassie
Joffcoat, Faith
Johannsen, Lexie
Johnson, Austin
Jones, Mahri
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Pearson, Elizabeth
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Raab, Nicholas
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Selzler, Wilbur
Smith, Blake
Strahl, Mason
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Tramp, Jack
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Boots, Sydney

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Castillo, Daylia
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Strahl, Tyler
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Sylvester, Lyndsay
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