

# Hope Is Not a Political Solution

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Hanging out at the  
Imaginary Friends Café  
with all my imaginary friends,  
poets, itinerant musicians, etc.

Writing close to nothing.  
Can't finish a thought,  
so I'm composing a book called  
"Not Quite Haiku,"

which is unfinished, of course.  
It will be required reading  
for all my make-believe friends  
if they want to keep speaking to me.

Keep going, they said.  
Try to finish at least one sentence.  
But they are impossible to satisfy.  
And hope is not a political solution.

