

Adopt a Dolphin

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Love to everyone.
In spite of painters
chest deep in the wheat
fields. Of poets in
the belfry. Bird flu.

Love to everyone.
In spite of rats as
big as dogs in New
York city. Or blue
plastic bags stuck on

branches. Whales beaching
themselves. Everyone's
gone to the moon. Love
to everyone. In
spite of religion

being used to make
more hate and war, not
peace. As many guns
as Valentine cards
in children's classrooms.

Love to everyone
everywhere. In spite
of all our lonely
messes. Of misplaced
aching affections.

