

# Rhapsody in the Rain

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so many bills to pay  
the list keeps shedding its skin like a snake  
and adding another shaker to the rattle  
sometimes the rattle becomes loud  
or louder

folks used to say  
save for a rainy day  
of course it wasn't real rain  
they were talking about  
real rain ain't so bad

kids used to toss coins in a  
bank shaped like a pig  
piggy piggy another case for  
a rainy day  
those hard dimes for piggy  
when he was split wide open

not paying bills as a kid  
now those were the good old days  
no checks no cards no cards with chips  
sandwiches with chips

sunshine often beat out the rain  
sometimes rain on one side of the street  
sunshine on the other  
what to make of that

who invented such puzzles anyway  
same guy who came up with the  
double album

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and four way sound  
adding dripping wet reverb  
to the raindrops (splish splash)

there are also droughts  
and in this story droughts wake up  
a good thing  
rainy days be damned  
give me some hard baked  
dry cracked earth

so then stacks of cash  
grow quicker than the rattles  
the snake hides under a rock  
and blue skies wink at me  
like a little pink pig

