

# Breaks

## Kate Tempest

So here is our moment, frozen  
We've seen our seven unmoving  
In their lonely homes  
It's been 4: 18 and dawn's still hours off yet  
My God and they are cold and listless  
Not quite sure that they exist  
Here in this moment, slow and viscous  
Lips haunted by the ghosts of kisses  
There is the endless saturation of the days  
And here they are  
There is nothing moving but their breath  
But watch now  
As the breaking storm outside brings this moment into action  
The sky cracks into a wild-mouthed grin  
And unleashes all the water that it's carried  
Vapour grown heavy from every distant puddle  
Every lapping wave tip  
Every churning river  
Contributing to this rain  
Now Pete on his doorstep, he looks up  
Mouth agape, and he drops his key in shock and laughs  
A howling, ancient laugh  
The lightning charges through them  
Rips the sky and startles every roof in stark relief  
And they see their city new  
Esther hears herself shout a strange bark into the silence of her kitchen  
Gemma sits bolt-upright in bed, wide eyed  
And she stares at the rain as it smashes itself against her windows  
Zoe puts her boxes down  
Bradley reaches for his dressing gown  
And I see it from above  
Seven doors to seven flats  
Open at the same time and light the raining pavement  
Seven broken hearts, seven empty faces  
Are heading out of doors  
Here's our seven perfect strangers  
And they see each other  
Strangely dressed  
One shoe and one slipper

Socks falling off  
Smiling  
Gathering slowly, tentatively in the middle of the road  
Shielding their eyes at first  
But then tipping their necks back  
Unhunching their shoulders  
Opening their bodies up to this storm  
And their hair is flat and against their heads  
All puffed up madly outwards  
And the hands slip off their chins and cheeks  
As they clutch their faces, open-mouthed  
"Amazing!" they shout  
"We've seen it!" they shout  
As they walk like children into the eye of a game  
And BAM!  
Close, close  
Shocked and laughing  
Soaked to the skin  
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