

# Bards in the Bog

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## TAKING AN ONION FOR A WALK

He bulges my bag like a weapon,  
crackling against coins like fireworks.

Less innocent than an apple,  
his stinging heart perfectly contained.

He rests on my hairbrush,  
his beard detangling with every step.

At my door I show him the stars,  
little paper boy, his round complete.

*Helen Addy*

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