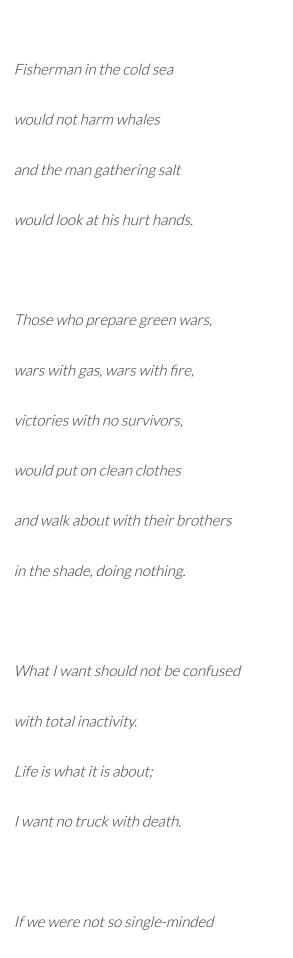
## The Monday Poem: Keeping Quiet by Pablo Neruda

September 6, 2015 The Monday poem is brought to you by the SUNY Broome English Department. Enjoy! KEEPING QUIET by Pablo Neruda Now we will count to twelve and we will all keep still. For once on the face of the earth, let's not speak in any language; let's stop for one second, and not move our arms so much. It would be an exotic moment without rush, without engines; we would all be together

in a sudden strangeness.



about keeping our lives moving,

and for once could do nothing, perhaps a huge silence might interrupt this sadness of never understanding ourselves and of threatening ourselves with death. Perhaps the earth can teach us as when everything seems dead and later proves to be alive. Now I'll count up to twelve and you keep quiet and I will go.

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