

The Things I Carry: Sample Poems

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The things I carry:

A wallet, keys, chap-stick, a phone, Roloids;
Not much, just to get me through the day.

Those things stay the same.

My wallet: an assortment of collected cards,
my ID, my ATM card, my Exxon card;

Three dollars (soon to be two),

Canadian money, old receipts, things I'm too lazy to throw away.

My keys, just two keys: a house and a car
with the beeper thing, I guess I'd call it a remote.

My chap-stick; I never need it unless I don't have it with me.

A phone: so I can know what I'm doing, without it I'd probably be lost (literally).

Roloids: Heartburn's a pain.

Today I carry a white Abercrombie and Fitch shirt,
khaki pants, and wallabies.

Depending on what day it is, I can be seen with a laptop
and a couple of books at my side.

I carry with me the carelessness
that I have decided to adopt,
my ambitions, and my fears.

I carry friendship.

The weight of each of these is undetermined,
but they do not weigh me down.

-Jared Herring

I carry a jacket or a coat for protection

For protection from the world

Or to hide from the world and what is inside

Or to hide the truth and the lies

Depending on the weather

I carry my feeling, my emotions, my personality, and my thoughts

There are a lot of things I carry

But there are also things that carry me

My life carries my

It gives me hope and it gives me the will

Because of my life I am who I am

I am who I am because of the things I carry

-Rhonda Spight