

Thursday digest

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- Steve Thorngate on [the WSJ's idea of a struggling taxpayer](#)
- Amy Frykholm reads [a weird monk joke about underwear](#)
- "[Poem for my brother to read silently in his bedroom window before the gregarious hospice nurse arrives](#)," a poem by Brian Doyle

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