

“BROKEN NEWS”

“Days Like These.” (Page 182)

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We interrupt this poem to bring you reports of an explosion
Of wild untruths and other signs that the news is broken.

Eye-witness statements from those first to arrive on the scene

Describe how they watched as the truth was blown to

Smithereens

Following a frontal assault on the facts and a
Prolonged barrage of propaganda.

A government spokesperson has blamed the attack on the influx
Of immigrants

Amid widespread fears that further fabrications are imminent

This latest outbreak of misinformation is believed to form part
Of a familiar pattern.

But back to the poem. We'll bring you more news as it
Doesn't happen.