1. What could clearing the path of snow be a metaphor for?

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1. Circle all metaphors in the poem. Comment why they are used.

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1. What device is used here? Why is it effective?

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1. What could be meant by ‘knuckles singing’?

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1. How is the computer used to show a contrast in their lives?

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1. Why is the enjambment effective?

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1. What is the significance of the ‘you’?

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1. What device is used here? Why is it used?

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1. What can you say about the title?

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**Letters From Yorkshire – Maura Dooley**

In February, digging his garden, planting potatoes,

he saw the first lapwings return and came

indoors to write to me, his knuckles singing

as they reddened in the warmth.

It’s not romance, simply how things are.

You out there, in the cold, seeing the seasons

turning, me with my heartful of headlines

feeding words onto a blank screen.

Is your life more real because you dig and sow?

You wouldn’t say so, breaking ice on a waterbutt,

clearing a path through snow. Still, it’s you

who sends me word of that other world

pouring air and light into an envelope. So that

at night, watching the same news in different houses,

our souls tap out messages across the icy miles.