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A jacket turned inside out  
bridges two seasons,  
where make-over, make-do, and go-without  
are tried in turn.  
You go Green Bay to buy it new.

A jacket handed-me-down  
by frugal families to younger brothers.  
It is tight in the shoulders  
and short in the sleeves.  
The old color lingers in the seams.

The pockets are formed by fists,  
are mulched in the corners  
by ticket stubs and Sweetheart  
straw wrappers.

When the zipper jams it must  
be tugged from the inside  
backwards;  
when it works loose something always  
gets caught in its teeth.