

## Just The Thing

*To get it back clean and simple,  
Get it back clean  
(Cats or giraffes or the man  
Polishing eight-inch windowpanes):*

*To get it back cool and neat,  
Get it back cool  
(Snow or persimmons or the girl  
Polishing the brass knob of a door):*

*To get it back and have it once for all,  
Get it back and be just the way you were  
(Cats or snow or almost anything  
You can think of clean and cool) --*

*Why, so you are already, so you are  
And so am I.*

-- John Moffitt

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*Writing a poem is propping your cheek on your  
palm on your elbow on your knee, and thinking  
thinking intensely an egg*

-- Susan Solomont

*Bangor, Maine*