

I Am The Bearer of Bad News: A Poem About Journalists

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I am the bearer of bad news,
the grinch who stole christmas,
the beast, not the beauty.

I am the bearer of bad news,
the irritating truth-teller,
the pandora box-opener.

I am the bearer of bad news,
the dream-crushing parent,
the cautioner of sour times.

I am the bearer of bad news,
the unwanted stormcloud,
the rainfall on a sunny day.

However,

I am the bearer of bad news,
the misunderstood outcast,
the reality, not the fairytale.

I am the bearer of bad news,
the passionate eye-opener
the inquisitive questioner.

I am the bearer of bad news,
the alarm clock for the people,
the warning sign for the world.

I am the bearer of bad news,
the thunder-filled nimbus,
the rainfall during a drought.