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Caffeinated rumination on the mundane.



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# On A Dime

A quick change is made on a dime.  
Not a penny, nor a nickel,  
But a dime.

With how tangential I've become,  
One could say dimes are sick of me.

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## Ruminations.

How long have I tried to break the grasp  
of my cluttered mess?

Swift thoughts drown in a sea  
of more stagnant ones

And so they tell me to breathe,  
Not knowing it's all I do..

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# Thursday Afternoon

With a conversation's end,  
Almost always comes the return

To the car, to home,  
to that untouched nook  
in the back corner

Yet, who opts to walk  
the Scenic route?

Magnetized to the lakes and fields,  
I try to explore more than habituate.

Today's finding:  
an empty courtyard reminds me of opportunity  
and the porcelain goose,  
Of perspective.

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## Mile Markers

The wind whistles and the trees run from me.  
Only a small space between them to see the setting Sun.  
I smile as I rest my head on the pollen covered window.  
Maybe, I'll dream of you before we make it home.

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# Caffeine Conversations

My foot rapidly lifts in the air a few inches  
Only to smack the wooden floor beneath it

Over and  
Over and  
Over.

And a crushed Reign energy can sits atop its pedestal  
on my car floorboard

No wonder...

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## Considerations.

I've considered the woman perched aside the stovetop,  
Zesting an orange

I've pondered the way her locks of hair screen the worry on her face.  
The smoke of the simmering pot curls its way to her lips.

What I've yet to consider...

Is the way a teardrop descends her cheek  
And the clouds above--

Gazing at her through the stained glass

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# Memoirs

Staring back at me with such vacant eyes,  
the memoir on the shelf waits to be bought-

Never considering it's on the clearance aisle.

Of all the things in my life,  
How many do I mark down for lack of want?

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# A Day Longer

I know we have so much to do,  
I know there are so many places to go.

Yet, I think it's hardly the point.

When my eyes dim,  
and yours are the last I see  
before I wake

I'll stay a day longer.

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# Concerning Paintings

What secrets lie buried between the four corners of my mind?  
Nerve synapses, neurological wiring...  
What power does it all hold?

Were I to believe in something,  
would it be true?

Were I to feel one way or another,  
would it come to fruition?

And were I to gaze into the colorful strides of a canvas,  
would I sit behind the oak door?

Peaceful and present,  
as the azalea bush sways in the breeze.

Would the flush of water beneath the horizon peak my interest?  
Perhaps...

Yet maybe, I'd cower behind the sun-kissed pine  
and watch as a grizzly  
moseys toward the quarry.

Were I to harness this force,  
would I be happy?

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# Forthcoming

All life appears to me on the cusp.  
At the edge of a cliff  
At the end of my pen  
On the tip of my tongue

Forthcoming...

What lies behind the veil?  
Over the hill  
The other side of the wall

To perceive one's destiny later  
is to doom them now.

I can't even see the screen  
that lies before me.

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# Life.

It takes a certain type of person to notice  
it beneath their nose.

I have ventured down the road a ways  
for I wish to see all.

Who amongst me would notice what I notice?

Who would take the time to see the way  
the water glazes over the streetlamp's light?  
Stop for a moment and see its ripples  
through the opening of a dying tree.  
Its leaves long departed.

Walk the path not meant for you,  
just so you can see a lilac in its lonesome.

Rest your fingertips atop the wooden bridge,  
and caress the innards of your pocket—  
All at the same time.

Sit on the bench nestled at the road's edge  
just so you can breathe for a moment—  
And try not to let the tears fall.

Wander one way  
Or another  
It doesn't matter.

Consider the narrow space  
between the ornamental grass.  
The geese have aligned perfectly.  
Their necks almost intertwined...

Make sense of the world.  
Not for anyone else but yourself.  
Breathe. Watch. Mosey. Listen.  
Live.



# A Few Hours Til Forever

I long to see the distant fields of cows,  
The flowing water of catfish farms  
that mark the halfway point between my heart  
And yours.

I long to feel the last bit of warmth from the setting Sun  
Because I know it will soon be replaced by your loving embrace.

I ask you, then...

Do you long to watch the doors and count the minutes  
until you feel the grasp of my hands?

Do you long to see the light leave the furthest corners of your room  
Because you know only moments remain until our hearts become whole?

Only a few hours until forever.

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# As I Sip My Coffee...

The space between my coffee maker  
and window is illuminated by small beams of light.

And they remind me of a flowing river.

Narrow channels of light pouring into a vast sea.

The pair of shoes I forgot to pick up last night  
tossed about like a pebble  
that skimmed across the surface of my carpet.

And the laces remind me of a small creature between the current.

Both bathed by the Sun and glistened by drops of dust.

I took the first sip from my, now warmed, mug  
and I stand—

Staring at the shine above it all.

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