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"The Day Before I Die"

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I guess it could be today for all I know, the way I feel
right now IÂ'd be
glad to go, down through the well of souls, where
forever lost forever
goes, costume sync and dumb shows, godÂ's alibiÂ's
all full of holes.
Death is the ultimate humiliation, lifeÂ's simplest feat
and deepest
complication, grave all silence and flowers, given to
the sphere of
savage powers, consummated in the unclocked hours,
where light
leaks and darkness showers.
I wonder will I be thinking about my life will I be
wondering why, will I
be alive at all the day before I die.
Sometimes I can feel the strain of balance keeping,
and the dreams of
creation sleeping, unlocked fugitive grief, the
unknowable transposed
in belief, warlord and gentle little thief, slow falling
October leaf.
I wonder who is supposed to be amused, inspired
intoxicated or
merely confused, cities of painted dirt, filth factories
pump out hurt,
legendary politicians flirt, Friday tries on itÂ's new
shirt.
The ennui sends out a soulful and trivial sigh, I wonder
if IÂ'll be
wasting time the day before I die.
As our orbit passes thorough the comets tail, I feel the
hopelessness
of a man in jail, where the cancer feels like cure, the
pollution is so
pure, caught in limboÂ's lure, only doubt feels sure.
This hardwired fact feels more like a fiction, written in
someone elseÂ's
book someone elseÂ's diction, the heritage of a
starless birth, miners of

dubious worth, farmers of the cosmic dearth,
carpenters of soulless
mirth.
It's the thought that puts the weight into my body, it's
the action of
that makes this life seem so shoddy, and I wonder will I
be drowning
in this, I wonder some kind of torturing bliss, will I
wallow in regrets
and self defeat, will I feel like I've been thoroughly
beat, will it be
expected or will it be a surprise, will I feel like truth or
will I think like
lies, I wonder if I'll understand my like or if I'll even
try, will I have a
life worth keeping the day before I die.

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