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## **Ordinary Days** "Calm"

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So

I am on the 6th train heading uptown to my lit. professors office

It's like light years off of campus

Don't ask me why

I'm sandwiched in-between this guy who's literally

And this European hipster who, well lets be honest, smells.

Wood Allen, heard Gershwen in the air when he thought Manhattan

Well I'm not so impressed, I hear like Philip lasted best I spend all my time just trying to get

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But it's not working

Cause like my lit professor told me I'm like flunking out of grad. school

I was not aware that flunking out of grad. School was a

But I've been spending all my saving paying rent and eating pizza

Not to mention that this morning I found my dog like Died

I don't remember the Muppets getting hives

When they took Manhattan

But my own diagnosis says I'm creeping toward psychosis

Cause I cannot find a place to get

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It's really hard

You know I tried to take up yoga

But you'll be surprised how many folks don't think deodorant is Zen

I even saw a life coach who told me I should breathe lust breathe

But every time I took in a breathe

I visualize that life coach's death

She's having brunch at café Pierre

And she's choking And choking And choking Till finally she's calm

I'm sorry

Anyway, my lit. professor told me that my thesis on Virginia Woolf

Is dangerously close to winding up an incomplete
I tell him what I'm working from is not so much a thesis
It's the fact that she went crazy

And that seems so apropo

My professor just tosses back his head

And a dry Manhattan

I'm wondering which will him quicker

The big apple or the liquor

When suddenly I panic

And I tell myself I must get someplace

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I up and run toward Penn station like I swear my head was ready to blow

And I hop a train to Jersey

Just as fast as any person can go

Then 90 minutes out

I get off at some prudential hamlet I've never heard of

There's a real state office right on the block

I can afford a two bedroom

I go into shock

I think, what the heck

I write a check

Cause there's sunlight, and closets, and laundry

But mostly it's calm

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Really calm

Strangely calm

Like time square at five A.M. calm

Like totally freak me out calm

Like I'm gonna slowly go crazy and throw myself over the balcony calm

Damn it

So

I tear up my deposit And I head back to Penn station Of course the subway's broken So I walk four miles home

And like 14 hours later I get back to my apartment With my crazy spastic roommates And a room, well, of my own I've got this black and white poster on my wall That says "my Manhattan" And I give it the finger But I let my gaze linger And I notice how the buildings line up perfectly in rows And how the city has been planned And how the city planning shows And suddenly I'm stuck with this bizarre old inspiration To like find a real solution and fix my model desolation I sit on my bed And I realize I'm finally Calm

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