

The Offer of Bowden Collige

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TO BE AT HOME in all lands and all ages;
Just chilling with Gandhi.
To count Nature a familiar acquaintance,
Conversing with plants,
And Art an intimate friend;
Maybe your only friend.

To gain a standard for the appreciation of others'
work

Can I see your problem set?
And the criticism of your own;
I'm so bad at life.

To carry the keys of the world's library in your
pocket,
Stuffing it with random quotes,
And feel its resources behind you in whatever task
you undertake;
Hopefully you're making greeting cards.

To make hosts of friends...
Gary! Remember me? I sat behind you freshman year,
Who are to be leaders in all walks of life;
Well, not *all* walks of life.

To lose yourself in generous enthusiasms
Like Facebook or Magic the Gathering,
And cooperate with others for common ends —
Just no insider trading.

This is the offer of the college for the best four
years of your life,
And for some of you,
The best six years of your life.

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Anonymous

Morning walks through tunnels of fog,
crystalline and ephemeral as frost,
feel like the moment in Spetember
when I was seventeen and could see
mirages of dancing futures for miles in every direction.

The red maple buds capped with snow
quietly, casually wring my heart.
“Please,” I was going to say
when a crocus breeze finally arrived
to carry my words, “sit here
with me in the tickling grass,
and let the silkiest tiny inchworm
navigate the craggy valleys of our interlocking fingers,
and let the sun steep into our skin
like the warmth is time enough.”

Green pine boughs against blue, blue skies
whisper secrets and if I listened well enough,
I would know how to chase this butterfly moment
with only stillness and ambrosia.
but I only know how to net, pin and analyze
as sunset washes over us, and tomorrow is too late.

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