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### my 'happy' song

i want to write a 'happy' song  
with overtly 'happy' lyrics  
and a catchy chorus that gets stuck in your head  
like a pleasant itch  
and background music with no purpose but  
to feel like 'happy' air

my song will play on the radio  
every goddam day  
i'll hear it one lonely morning and ask,  
'what phony wrote this shit?'  
and punch in my radio

## **cupid's arrow**

i walked out my door  
and saw you  
your beauty halted me  
just then  
cupid shot me with his arrow  
and i bled out on the curb  
as you walked away

## **archaeological dig**

i want to peel away my skin  
excavate my skull  
pick away my brain  
forget everything