

# I Meant To Do My Work Today

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I meant to do my work today  
So many plans I had made  
I'd check the mail, I'd make the calls  
Save the world and sweep the hall  
Finally get my accounting done  
Sort the beans one by one  
But I got waylaid by the morning sun  
And I got absolutely nothing done

I thought I'd live a louder life  
I'd learn a lot and get it right  
I'd rent a loft I'd drink all night  
I'd be a living archetype  
And in a blinding flash of light  
I'd see that one great insight  
But silence called me deeper still  
Like nothing else ever will

I woke to hear an owl nearby  
Hunting something large enough to cry  
Nature's always beautiful  
The change of season always right  
The moon shines cold and true and bright  
And sets at dawn without a fight  
And yet I could not find a way  
To get myself back to sleep last night

I never knew just what it meant  
The way you smiled while you dreamt  
And why my heart can overflow  
And why mistakes can haunt me so  
Why nothing ever stops or stays  
Dust shimmers in the morning rays  
I didn't do the work that I'd had said  
I just wandered through these thoughts instead