

What Makes You Happy

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But don't worry, mom. I met him in a restaurant
And all this time I've been getting to know him
He's got an ex-wife in Pasadena, and sometimes she's a mess
To deal with, but mostly we've been living here
Uninjured...
There's a silence, and she says, "Listen here young lady, All that matters is
What makes you happy, but you leave this house knowing my opinion won't
Make you love me if you don't care to."
But mom, I'm sending you this photograph, I swear
This one is going to last and all those other bastards
Were only practice!
I feel the sun on my back...
I smell the earth in my skin...
I see the sky above me like a full recovery...

She said, "Listen here young lady, All that matters is what makes you happy,
But you leave this house knowing my opinion It won't make a difference if you're not ready."