

Valley Morning

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The slap of the paper
The hiss of the sprinkler
the beep of the coffee machine
the drone in the distance
that says there's a freeway
the gardeners will soon make the scene
'cause it's thursday
soon they'll arrive on the scene

i pick up the paper
i'm spritzed by the sprinkler
inside i take in my caffeine
then i hear the dog door
i know he's gone out there
to mark and to mess up the scene
they're illegal
but soon they'll arrive on the scene

our leader's an actor who speaks with an accent
who's able to procure our love
but life is a movie
out here in the valley
what else were we all thinking of?

the clack of the skateboard resounds in the valley
next door the kid's starting a band
their morning rehearsal is making me crazy
the volume is way out of hand
it's not music
to my music it's way out of hand

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