

# A Manifesto for the Selfish

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I.  
A dream?  
I have one, too.  
To become happy,  
And avoid sadness in the process.

II.  
Every time I see her  
I find  
Something more important to do.

III.  
She gives me a gift.  
I promptly return it.

IV.  
Complexity.  
People.  
Complex people.  
But I hate myself at times, too.

V.  
Especially when my heart rebels against my head.

VI.  
I don't do dog fur and cinnamon rolls.

VII.  
In the mirror,  
I see the giant's smudged handprint  
Occluding my face.  
Fear.

VIII.  
I fear she'll say,  
"The puzzle was almost complete!  
Why are you putting it back in the box?"

IX.  
Expansive glorious darkness  
Permeated by countless stars.  
I find  
Something more important to do.  
I'll take my bed instead.