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*i don't want to go to sleep but i don't know  
what i'm waiting for*

i don't know what to type right now  
in a few minutes i will forget  
what i am feeling right now  
i already forgot what i was feeling  
or thinking when i began this poem

*i gave energy drinks to homeless people*

i drank a lot of mr. pibb  
while taking baths in florida  
i ate wendy's chicken sandwiches  
my life will never be like that again  
i just thought 'argh'

*i don't know if i would rather win three  
national book awards or two pulitzer prizes*

i think if i win a major award i will spend one or two years not really caring about  
anything

i think it will be okay if i don't care about anything from the ages 31 to 33

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