

Quiet Submission

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Let's play It's Valentine's Day And I'm All The More Alone For It in which Valentine's Day is to holiday as overcooked meals are to family as cubic zirconia is to gift as laugh is too much to handle because you can't stand to look at a recognizable face.

Let's play Forgive Me Dad For I Have Sinned Again in which empty pew is to Hail Mary! as guilt is to he can't hear me anyway as tavern is to habit as nicotine is to fiberglass that eventually cuts into your soul.

Let's play Recess Is For Hanging Upside Down On Monkey Bars in which blood is to gravity as pants are to prank as self esteem is to bubble-gum shoes as lesson is to chalk as maybe things are never things when they happen to you.

Let's play Sleeping in the Cubical At Work When There Are Figures To Be Punched In Because The Day Is Always Longer Behind A Desk in which coffee is to capitalism as fertilizer is to pesticide as profit is to pocket lint as highway is to wetland and this morning the natural world burns much less brighter.

Let's play Ghost Story in which tent is to protection as hook is to fish as fiction is to control as howling noises can be out done when we learn to play the instruments we were given .