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Distractions **-Kelly Malinovsky**

In the morning when
I really should wake
I really don't.
I hear the shower calling
but not my buzzing alarm clock.
My roommate opens the curtain,
letting the bright sunlight into
our dark room, which pulls me out of
my warm bed that once helped me sleep.
The chill of the room wakes me
out of my trance.

In the afternoon when
I really should work
I wait until after I eat
my au gratin potatoes and
the nameless main course.
Then, I finally get started with
yesterday's worries and today's chores.
I sometimes pause and look out
my window to treasure
the more peaceful things-
the blanket of new fallen snow,
the clear blue sky, but yet
not so clear because of wispy clouds
that stretch for miles.

My evening sets in quickly;
I sometimes hardly notice it's there.
I rush to eat my dry meat
and mushy vegetables
forgetting to taste them,
so I can finish today's frustrations
but tomorrow's relief.
The thunder in the hallway
and the stench of burned popcorn
divides my attention;
my roommates chat of gossip and perfume
while I gaze out my window and wonder
how the snow falls so quietly-slowly-
amidst the noisey rush of time.