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My temporary escape from  
What I perceive to be negative,  
My life is an avalanche  
Of challenges and aspirations.

There is a strange comfort  
In seeing my soul on paper,  
What I want and should do,  
Who I am, what I once knew.

Structure, rhyming, blah!  
But I can contradict myself  
The present is mine  
And I will prove it with words.

## NATE RIDER

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### NATIONAL CATHARSIS

they were just two towers,  
two buildings amongst thousands,  
maybe millions.  
not even the tallest or  
the most glorious.  
Maybe the most important,  
but just a minor detail.

only three thousand perished,  
not ten, twenty or fifty.  
it was no Hiroshima,  
38th parallel or even Chernobyl.  
a simple fictive dream,  
an archipelago of thoughts,  
a lapse of reality.

no sense of compassion.  
only weeks, maybe months later  
just indifference,  
a desultory way of life.  
a desolate response to death.  
they were just two towers,  
two buildings, amongst none.