how to write a poem

and some other poems

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To my Dad
and the generations of poetry
lovers who went before you,
with love and thanks
for reading poems to me
when I was little.

a lazy story (with no letter e)

what I want in this world is
to do nothing
to say nothing
to try nothing
to just sit and wait for tomorrow

if you said I was making it up
I'd say you don't know what I'm thinking

if you said it's hard to do nothing
I'd say, why not just try

and you might find out too
what you want most in this world