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## **Feeling some type of way**

spending routine days  
contented and frustrated and  
ready for the next challenge and ready for the  
last day

when things work out we say  
"things always work out"  
and when things don't work out we say  
"things never work out"  
and i can't quite work out  
what to say when i don't know  
what this is  
feeling some type of way  
and maybe i want it to work out  
and maybe i don't  
but i don't know what it is i want to work out  
because i'm feeling some type of way  
and maybe it's a type that belongs in one place  
and not another  
but why subdivide life  
into streams that never cross  
and if we never crossed  
i wouldn't be feeling some type of way

## **I just feel like**

i just feel like...

making stuff to share

no one gets that i don't get me and that's okay

i like seltzer now and it's a sign of maturity

i have to relearn too many important lessons

i spend so much time commuting

i don't have enough time to listen

i thought i was better than this

someone has to like me at least a little bit

the economic problem exists because, although the needs and wants of people are endless, the resources available to satisfy needs and wants are limited

i try to bypass parts of life by engaging with my favorite forms of expression

a featherless biped turning into a post-physical entity floating through the internet

i can't take compliments without taking myself down a notch

jamming my arms into a large vat of runny oatmeal

squeezing tubes of toothpaste

rolling around in the mud like a feral dog

cryogenically freezing myself until this is all figured out

lying down in a steam room until someone has to shovel the puddle i become into the towel bin

lying to a liar until i can hit them with the stone-cold truth stunner

roaming around a countryside on the back of a compassionate giant

dressing up like Grandfather Frost and stroking my beard

wearing a lion's den around my neck and beckoning

going to a museum and screaming

going to a crowded area and weeping

sneaking onto NASA's next mission for a fart joke

changing my name and becoming a Voodoo Genie

deleting all traces of myself on the internet

flooding airwaves with my wails of inferiority

it's not time to go to sleep yet

lying under a microfiber blanket on a memory foam mattress until sunrise becomes me

cutting off the bottom half of my body to lose some weight

doing something i'll regret

appointing someone to take total control of me

replacing my blood with crushed tamagotchi powder

freedom of feeling feels nauseating

i'm just getting started

lord of my own little universe of lies

## **I like the feel of it**

i like the feel of it  
i like to stroke it with my fingertips  
i want the spiraled ridges of my identity  
to identify this  
i want to print this material into my matter  
i like the feel of it  
i want it in the palm of my hand  
i want my palms to turn into warm ramen  
i want to squeeze my fault lines over something perfect  
i want my lips to press on  
i want my royal skin adorned with a luxurious  
i haven't the touch i want in so long

## **I'm feeling feelings**

i'm feeling feelings  
i know this for a fact  
because i've felt feelings my whole life  
and in fact  
it's a fact i've had to face  
even when there's no feelings left  
you know how the blank space helps give definition  
sometimes if i feel hungry or tired  
that's the only thing i feel  
and i'm not feeling feelings then  
but maybe they cause some feelings to sprout  
feelings happen inside the body  
but also outside the body  
feelings are movements  
some say pleasure, pain, excited, calm  
are the only true feelings  
they're the core feelings all other feelings get colored from  
there are so many people  
who feel feelings and who have  
put their feelings into things that i can pull from  
artists, musicians, writers, designers,  
psychologists, philosophers, politicians, journalists,  
critics, directors,  
and you can get feelings from their feelings  
and you can better understand hey wait:  
what i'm feeling is feelings  
i know i'm feeling feelings  
but forget to know let's feel  
are these work-related feelings?  
are these church-related feelings?  
are these friendship-feelings?  
are these feelings worthy of rap songs?

## **So many feels**

is it disgusted excitement?  
is it fearful hope?  
is it proud worry?  
is it courageous confusion?  
is it playful anger?  
is it enraged understanding?  
is it cowardly fascination?  
is it reassured loneliness?  
is it fatigued optimism?  
is it aloof friendliness?  
is it aggressive kindness?  
is it annoyingly free?  
is it acceptingly bitter?  
is it shamefully lucky like the sole survivor?  
is it powerlessly fortune like their family?  
is it miserably thankful like their family?

is it satisfyingly disgusted?  
is it courageously doubtful like a stubborn juror?  
is it energetically uncertain like an adderall-addled adolescent?  
is it liberatingly indecisive like a retired CEO dining in Cabo?  
is it optimistically perplexed like a bored scientist stumbling on a phenomenon?  
is it peacefully alone like a seasoned novelist working on part ten?  
is it comfortably fatigued like a bodybuilder collapsing in bed?  
is it pleasingly useless like a disgruntled employee zoning out in a meeting?  
is it vulnerably clever like a college freshman attempting a rebuttal?  
is it surprisingly empty like an ov  
is it forcibly content  
is it brightly pathetic like the village idiot?  
is it tragically blessed like an African prince?  
is it affectionately nonchalant like a new romance?  
is it wearily devoted like a cancer patient's wife?  
is it alarmingly absorbed like a neurosurgeon's knife?  
is it curiously frightening like talking to an attractive stranger?  
is it humiliating confidence?  
is it confidently humiliating?  
is it boldly afflicted like a delusional artist?

is it bravely aching like a celibate at a strip club?  
is it heartbreakingly challenged like the most desirable love?  
is it wrongfully hopeful like a naive boyfriend?

is it impulsively tearful like a manipulative girlfriend?  
is it painfully sure like an exhausted friend?

is it uniquely desolate like your favorite abandoned mall?

is it hardily unhappy like a grandfather who earned his December years?

is it hatefully interested like every enemy ever?  
is it offensively receptive like an enemy engaged?  
is it irritatingly understanding like a supposed enemy?  
is it hostilely reliable like a former enemy?  
is it insultingly easy like forced friendship through shared experience?  
is it discouragingly joyous like people living values you despise?  
is it repugnantly festive like those celebrating a win you can't share?

is it hesitantly impulsive like an up-and-coming starlet?  
is it embarrassingly provocative like a starlet past her prime?

is it despairingly certain like someone who know what they must do?  
is it frustratingly relaxed like someone who did what they had to but can no longer define themselves by what they must do?

is it disinterestedly warm like the greetings of service workers?  
is it suspiciously fascinated like a tip-motivated service worker?  
is it anxiously intrigued like the person eating alone?  
is it dully considerate like well-socialized patrons?

is it frighteningly curious like someone with a badge knocking at your door?  
is it worryingly engrossed like someone ignoring the knock?  
is it achingly brave like someone who answers?

is it crushingly eager like the preteen spirits?  
is it tormentingly keen like the hormonal teen?

is it desperately dynamic like the unemployed on their second interview?

is it reliably hostile like the easily insulted?  
is it fortunately powerless like the easily insulted?  
is it satisfyingly unpleasant like the easily insulted?  
is it confidently enraged like the easily insulted?  
is it interestingly hateful like the easily insulted?  
is it amazingly sore like the easily insulted?

is it wonderfully distrustful like the insulting?  
is it freely annoying like the insulting?  
is it receptively offensive like the insulting?  
is it delightfully diminished like the insulting?  
is it thankfully miserable like the insulting?  
is it pleasingly useless like the insulting?

is it friendly dread?  
is it proudly indignant?  
is it restoringly ambivalent?  
is it happily lost?  
is it enthrallingly apathetic?  
is it rapturously detached?  
is it comfortably numb?  
is it quiet discombobulation?  
is it vibrant self-consciousness?  
is it compassionately beat?  
is it tender listlessness?  
is it lovingly depleted?  
is it an involved hurt?  
is it spellbinding loneliness?  
is it optimistic depression?  
is it safely disappointed?  
is it amusingly fidgety?  
is it delightfully frazzled?  
is it fulfilling wistfulness?  
is it clear-headed envy?  
is it outrageously appreciative?  
is it disgusted awe?  
is it torn bliss?  
is it restless stillness?  
is it burnt-out friendliness?



**Right in the feels**

## **It's an abstract kind of feel**

I can only feel pleasure or pain, excited or calm  
Hungry or tired

it's like a being at your future high school at night for an older brother's assembly kind of feel

it's like a giant red cube kind of feel

it's like a stepping under a suburban street light during a summer night kind of feel

it's like the first feelings of fall

if they feel blue sad and you feel blue-gray sad

if they feel intentional klein blue sad and you feel vantablack sad

if they feel red sad and you feel golden sad

## That feel when

that feel when you work all day and come home to unattractive app matches  
that feel when you're confident in certain roles and rolled up in curtains in socially-confined spaces  
that feel when you watch someone you care about mistreat themselves  
that feel when you don't know what to eat for a meal  
that feel when you don't even feel like eating  
that feel when you see people your age getting married and you haven't been on a date in ages  
that feel when this reminds you of the feel of when everyone had prom dates and you didn't  
that feel when you thought you were better than or above these feelings  
that feel when you see someone you don't talk to anymore getting fatter and grayer  
that feel when you are more aware than willing to wear action  
that feel when you feel how inadequate images are  
that feel when your life experience is largely mediated by images  
that feel when you're late but the train is too  
that feel when you want to fix your sleep schedule but you find a twenty minute video on the sounds of tennis  
that feel when you're on a roll and you have to cut it off for some reason  
that feel when you're blindfolded and someone yells "hit the piñata" and they spin you too hard so you vomit  
that feel when you try to kiss someone because you thought you bonded over chat messages  
that feel when you tell someone you just met that you love them  
that feel when you can't properly express yourself to people you care about  
that feel when your goldfish dies even though you don't have a goldfish  
that feel when your favorite fictional character is killed off  
that feel when you take your pants off after work and gleefully throw them out the window  
that feel when you actually put yourself in someone else's shoes and they're barefoot

## Feeling it

nobody imagine tonight  
gotta dance (oh god)  
gotta rock (oh yeah)  
gotta dance (oh god)  
gotta rock (oh yeah)  
gotta dance (oh god)  
gotta rock (oh yeah)

dancing feeling creeping  
gonna smash (night live)  
nobody stop (spend top)  
gonna smash (night live)  
nobody stop (spend top)  
gonna smash (night live)  
nobody stop (spend top)

body feel feeling  
fill feeling (fill)  
keep shut (keep)  
fill feeling (fill)  
keep shut (keep)  
fill feeling (fill)  
keep shut (keep)

body, creeping, dance, dancing, feel, feeling, fill, god, gonna, gotta, imagine, keep, live, night,  
nobody, oh, rock, shut, smash, sometimes, spend, stop, tonight, top, yeah

I Gotta Feeling by The Black Eyed Peas, Can't Stop the Feeling by Justin Timberlake, Good  
Feeling by Flo Rida

## **I feel like I feel**

i feel like i feel

gloomy

when it's cloudy outside, dark inside

i feel like i feel

like someone else

when someone asks me what i think

about someone else

i feel like i feel like something

i'm not quite sure what

i feel like i feel

uncertain and vague

and that's what i feel like

how can i know how i feel

all the time

how can i

i feel like i feel like i feel more than i think

i feel like i feel worse about myself when i look at what my peers upload online

i feel like i feel good about myself when i upload things online

## **How I feel about how I feel**

when i get angry

i almost immediately feel guilty or ashamed

i can't remember the last time i embraced anger

i have almost never felt guilty without feeling guilty about it

they say god is eternal and this is the holy trinity

faith greatness and guilt

i feel like an outsider when i feel excited to

## **There's no better feeling**

being an early investor in Apple, Google, and Amazon

sexting your main squeeze, sidepiece, and third string

turning a butt dial into a booty call

falling from grace and saving enough to become better and shove it in everyone's face

revenge-based success

calling pest control on your least favorite uncle and watching them call him a "cock-a-roach"

ingesting forty years of pickup artist lessons

being the fucking best

infested with all-knowing yes-ness

getting touched with divine intelligence

## **You don't know how it feels**

to connect with life without metaphor or analogy or compare and contrast  
to have died before reading this  
to write this  
to go to the moon  
to be king  
to discover a new country  
to get hit with an atom bomb  
to be corrupted data  
to be a ghost  
to have a world record  
to always wake up on the same day in a groundhog day style premise  
to vanquish the dragon and save the princess  
to be the supervillain who finally destroys the world  
to be a hurricane, or a volcano, or a cat, or a tree  
to be unfamiliar with irony  
to be dumber than a rock  
to not know what these symbols mean  
to coax a bear into becoming your butler  
to sleep with Emma Stone or Emma Watson or Emma Roberts  
to sleep with Ryan Gosling or Ryan Reynolds or Ryan Brad Pitt  
to resurrect the local monster and get them elected as town mayor  
to be sucked into a black hole  
to be quantumly entangled  
to spend 100 years doing something you love  
to have an endless weekend  
to remove all the cars in front of you when you're stuck in traffic  
to rub Mona Lisa's face  
to invent ambient music  
to coin the phrase "we all eat from the great pudding of life"  
having a phobia of colors  
to wiggle your ears until you fly away from an awkward first date  
to roll around in a pillow landfill  
to have an entire city worship you  
to regret your first words  
to have your diapers changed  
to rely on smell more than sight  
to transform into a butterfly, or a moth for that matter  
to fear Zeus  
to live in a trailer park haunted by Willie Nelson's used bandana  
to smuggle watermelons into a town ran by sentient pumpkins  
to save islanders from an erratic leviathan



to use your invisibility superpower to sneak into an R-rated movie

## **How do you feel? (I feel you)**

hey, how do you feel? oh sorry to hear, i know how you feel.

hey what do you think of this weather? did you see that game and/or show last night? how about that latest news? how's your family? how's work? where'd you go this summer? did you hear who that celeb is dating now? what do you like to do for hobbies? what's your hometown like? how much money do you make? do you believe in money? what's your stance on immigration? what's your religion and why? did you have sex last night and if not, why not and do you want to have sex with me and if not, why not? who's the most recent person you knew that died and what were they like and what do you feel about their death? how old are you and what gives with your current appearance? did you hear what that a-hole in HR said yesterday? did you hear that joke about the Egyptian prince and the Klan leader? want to hear about my really fucked up dream? how's your favorite ex doing compared to you and if you care about comparing your life to theirs why and if not, why not?

**There's a feeling in the air**

**It doesn't feel like anything**

**The feeling is mutual**

## **F E E L**

nostalgia for an unreal place  
completely lost in a strangely familiar place  
mindset of a rosy past's expected future  
an impossible feel

a F E E L

can you ever really remember how you felt  
or do you remember how you felt you felt  
or how you feel now affects how you remember  
when we feel something work out we say  
"things always work out"

when something doesn't work out we say  
"things never work out"

doesn't reflecting feeling enable

the composition of feelings that shouldn't be

temporary with childlike wife-eyed wonder the your feeling of remememebring that

degeneration of sadnesses with each new sadness

amplification of sadness with each new sadness

reframing how you felt

seeing a black and white picture in full color

## **What is this feeling?**

What is enlightenment without a deep breath?  
What is addiction without repeated failed tests?  
What is patience without promise for reward?  
What is solution without the last word?  
What is surprise without an unexpected smile?  
What is joy without  
What is trust without  
What is fear without  
What is surprise without  
What is sadness without  
What is disgust without  
What is anger without  
What is anticipation without