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## Patience

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How many days  
How many days till rest, till respite  
How many days of glowing monitors, computer screens

How many days  
For you, no sunny holiday, so little sunlight penetrates indoors  
There's artificial light, just bright enough to see the paperwork

And here you are  
Your schedule says: you'll work today, tomorrow, every day  
"Day-Day," as Chinese symbols say; that's every day

Your brain will strain, and soon too will your eyes  
Your ears will value silence  
You'll dream of empty winter desert flats,  
High Desert flats all cooled by snow

You'll dream of small cafes, small towns,  
your steaming cup of Joe  
And space  
How many days