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Every Stranger I Meet

Everyone is a possibility, probability

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When I step onto the train
I wonder who I will meet that day.

Everyone is a possibility, probability.

Every stranger I make eye contact with,
get jostled against
becomes a novel thought,
another coded path of neurons
in the lodge of my memory.

Every person is a fresh start,
over and over,
so many chances to be new again,
and to learn and grow.

And every soul I ignore,
a trashed statistic,
for good or bad.

Every smartly dressed graying
businessman,
every drawn-faced bum with his
rectangle of newspaper,
every pig-tailed grade-schooler
matter-of-factly holding her mother's
hand,
every mini-skirted, tea-haired,
heavily made-up teenaged girl,
every bandana-capped working class
joe,
every oji-chan picking through the
recyclable trash bins,

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every salaryman cocooned in
cigarette smoke
staring at his feet.

The sleeping commuter
whose head gently rests on my
shoulder
understands that a sanctuary isn't
always a place,
but sometimes another human
being.

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So far she hasn't caught any, but
that's beside the point.*

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