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David Berman is an outsider
Mundane imagery
Sense of disconnect -- Where do I fit in?
How to fit in -- "swimming the pattern"
To change or not to change

"Imagining Defeat"

We end up up at dawn
Her cat is like a hole in her head
I sat up and looked out the window
as the sun lit up the road of black and white
A handkerchief in her hand
Then she brought something back up in her mouth
I looked under the bed for my mouth
and the world of her mouth of mouth

Yes, I said, her cat is a hole in her head
In the distance where it doesn't matter
And I suppose a hole in her head is that
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Hallmarks of David Berman Poetry

Plain, simple language
Simple imagery: the dog and the
bustle
Narrow focus
Few characters





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humorous . . . Dave . . . Whiz Quiz King . . . SMU Summer Program . . . tall, dark, and handsome . . . A.A. . . smart . . . croquet captain . . . Berrrrrrrrman . . . "Simple Minds" . . . Plano . . . Ohio . . . Big Dave . . . cynical . . . will probably become President . . . radical . . . deep voice . . . "The Far Side"

No thanks, I already own a penguin.

-Woody Allen

The fat man driving us over the nearest cliff-face, is he the same god I've seen you kneel to?

-Andy Partridge

The devil drives a Buick.

-Exene Cervenka

So this is the modern world that I've heard about.

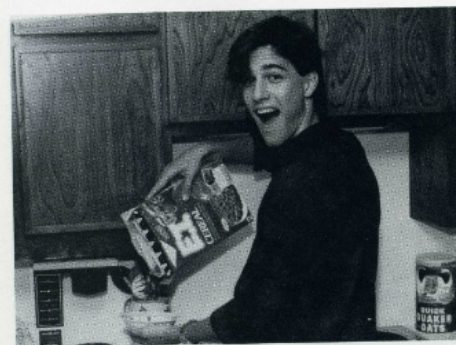
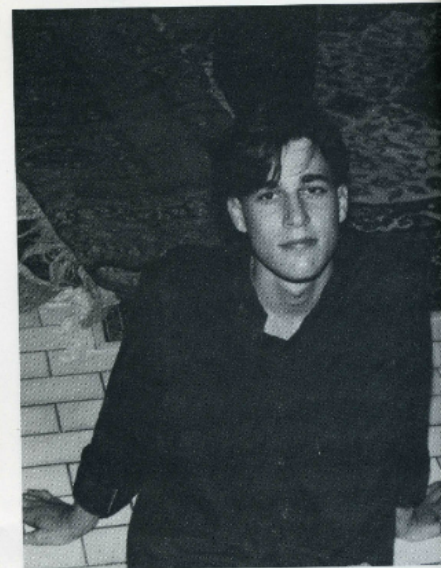
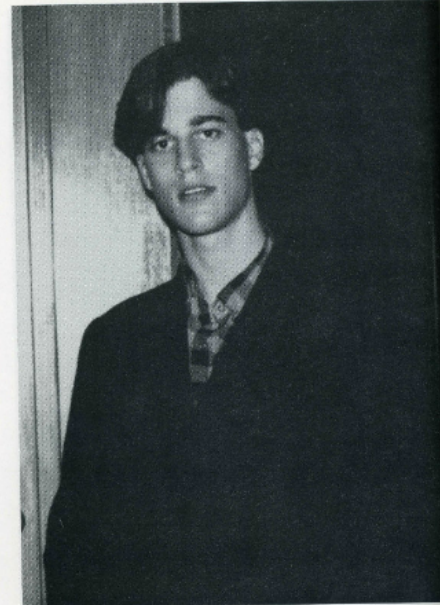
-Paul Weller

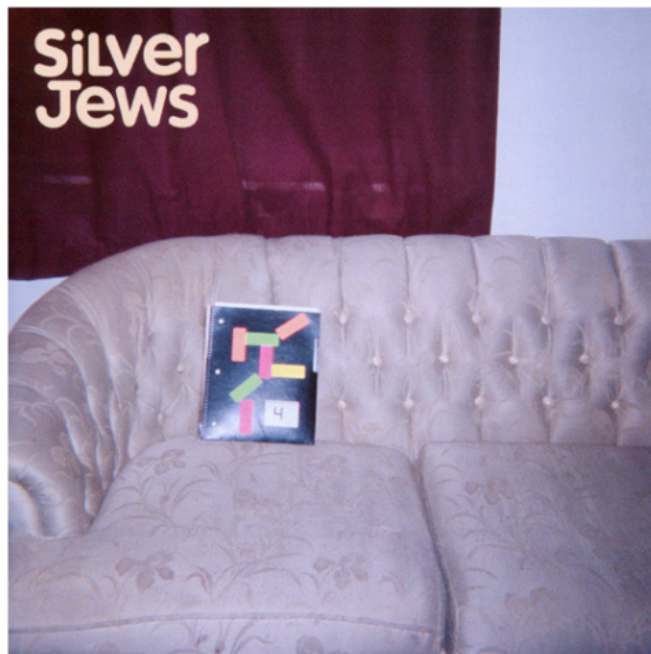
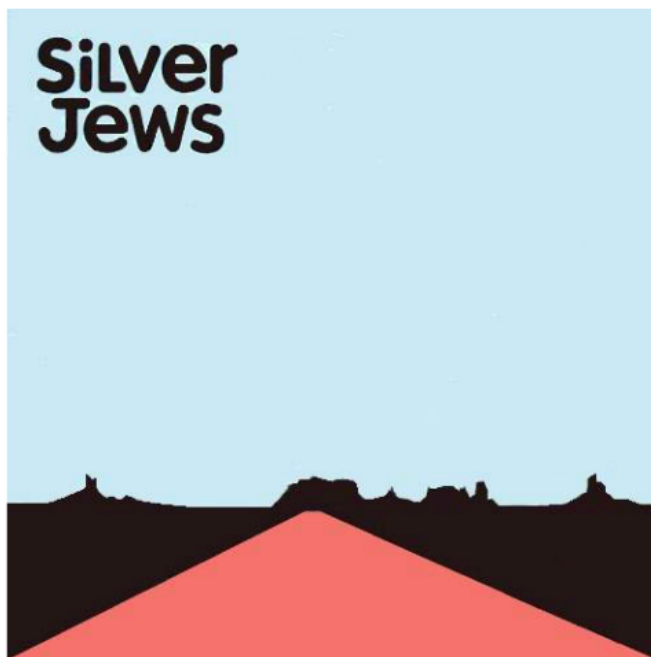
Mom, Dad, friends, and the rest of humanity:

Thank you and have a nice day.

Love, David

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