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A Students Rant

Enrolled in college
Parents proud
Pens picked
Folders labeled
Pants pressed
Shirt tucked in
First day

Read 6 books
Dostoevsky, Jung, Wideman,
Thoreau, Shakespeare, Moorison

Write 4 papers
6 drafts each
MLA, APA, and Chicago
Read a sonnet
Write two pages each
Wait, what's a sonnet?

No exercise
No time
Bad food
Honey buns, chips, pizza,
No vegetables
Freshmen 15? More like 50
Wait, what's a sonnet?

Semesters pass bye in a blur
Essays, quizzes, tests, midterms, finals, and portfolios
Hair falling out, night terrors
No sleep, bags under eyes
... Yawn

New professor
New way
Extra credit?
No way

Halfway there
Feels like forever
Five hours of statistics everyday

No time to play
Read a sonnet once again
Watched a play
What the hell is a sonnet anyway?
Assignments piling
Overworked
Time run out
Chapters unread
Pop quiz today

Looks of terror
Gut churning fear
Sweaty palms
Dry dusty throat
Shaking hands
Looking for my friends to help me today

And met...
With the same looks of fear
Eyes wide
Gut churning fear
They ask
Did you study today?
Crap!

New professor
Speeches today
New fear recognized
Words stumbled
Tumbled
Or forgotten

Professor Dallas
With books to read
Papers full of prose
Stories unwritten
To be
Composed
"Please, don't call on me"
I pray to self
With looks of terror
Gut churning fear
Sweaty palms
Dry dusty throat
Shaking hands

A sonnet to be read
But not by some
"please, don't call on me"
I'm not the one

