



Rush

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It's a constant game of catching up,
People rushing past one another everyday.
Crowded streets
Swiftly moving feet,
And everyone else is simply in the way.

When did we invent road rage?
When did the speed limit become a suggestion?
Always searching for the fastest route,
Simply waiting in traffic is out of the question.

Take the fastest road with the fewest red lights,
Burn a few minutes off your estimated time of arrival.
I guess we've always only looked out for ourselves;
Because only the fittest earn survival.

Everything we do is just a constant blur,
Because we must keep up with the world's standard of pace.
We don't see the beautiful little things,



We miss seeing love, and joy, and *people*
face to face.

But when did life become such a rush?
When did we become obsessed with speed?
Same day delivery, fast food drive throughs,
Instant gratification for every need.

And yet,
we are never satisfied.
We hurry and we rush, and never arrive at a destination...
We beat the clock, only to race it the next day,
We are a sad, impatient generation.

We never stop.
We never slow down.
We never sit in silence,
We never even open our eyes and take a look around.

We don't even realize it,
But every day, every moment, we miss so much.
Every truly meaningful thing in life gets lost
When we get lost in the rush.

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Footnotes

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Message to Readers

This is your reminder to slow down, don't get lost in the rush :)



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