Your first breath must be undeniable or all that follows will come into question. Successful verse is humble means it doesn’t matter what you want to say—only how you say it. You can be vile and beautiful, and if your reader wants to read, he’ll come up with the excuses.

If one day we were suddenly able to stop measuring our lives, maybe then the stress and anguish of inadequacy and competition would fall away, followed by the greed and graft and fear. If that day ever comes, then we can talk about peace, love, and whatever we want.