**Self-esteem**

i expected a cookie

i made it through the day, didn’t i?

surely that deserves some kind of reward

everything i did was adequate:

my consumption was normal

my production was acceptable

everything was super

except when it wasn’t

nothing was missing

except stuff

i presented as presentable

in fact, i almost made an effort

i came close to trying hard

it may not happen again

don’t complain

kids like me

had parents like you