poetry collection

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The morning breaks, the day is new Rush through all the seconds too few Try to recall where you have been And find that you are back again

The sun splits sky, the clock ticks through It's hard to breathe, second-attuned Governed by the piercing bell's ring And find that you are back again

But wait, the windows open soon
And blow in promises that swoon
It's just enough to make hearts sing
And find that you are back again

I am still working out what the answer is
I wonder what the question is
I hear the echos of another echo
I see a crisply clouded future
I want to know that I'll be happy

I am still working out what the answer is
I feel the strings of life
I touch the strings of love
I worry all the time, even when I don't know why
I cry when the weight of consciousness is too much to bear

I am still working out what the answer is
I understand that I will never understand everything
I say what I think I mean - thought that might change
I dream of peace that permeates
I try my hardest
I hope that it's enough

I am beginning to believe that there is no one answer

I've found it hard to find the answers to
A question that is still left as unknown
And why unhappiness burns on through
A shining future already shown
My empty promises only sustain
A future solely found in my head
It's hard not to lose when nothing's to gain
When all that you need's to rest in your bed
Losing my way in a cloudy harbor
And watching my anchor drifting apart
My life is a leaf on a dwindling arbor
I just need some water, that'd be a start
I know that I've loved through all that I've
been

And but still I ask: when does it begin?

Goodbye, America, they say: We're on to somewhere new When there's no room for one to stay "Please bid The Dream adieu"

And glancing back upon the wall So towering, so high: And to The Dream, how did you fall In blinking just one eye

Oh, were you ever there at all? America, goodbye

> An empty opaque bottle Sits on a counter, little drops of condensation drip You think of thirst; your fingers stretch It reaches your mouth; your lungs pull in But you catch only air. It's all for naught There's nothing inside.

There's nothing. It lied.

How many stars in the universe?
One hundred billion, they say
But still, only five thousand
Our eyes can see at night
And then, only one
really stands out,
though blocking
others:
sun

day
sunny, golden
breaking, rising, shining
noontime, light, clouds, evening
dazzling, setting, dipping
blue, black
night

life happens in the in-betweens
where the memories come up to breathe
and they fill your heart
and you find yourself in the present
and then you're on your way to make another