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I Love Information

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In extreme cases, imagination is an affliction, or did we mean addiction? Please stop, says the poet, let's pause here. But that seems not an option for Courtney Bush: "I would calm down if it weren't for the risk of dislocating my personality." A filmmaker, nanny, and the author of *Every Book Is about the Same Thing*, she lives in New York.

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Those aren't blueberries
and teeth have their own minds
A fragment of truth hasn't been put in the lie
Do you feel the centipede I feel in me
Is the Emerson in your mirror young as the one in mine

The first buildings were trees
The percentage of you that wants to die fluctuates
when something good happens
The best buildings were bodies
You solved a small mystery at your high school
You committed four crimes in the west

Someone you know has been reading Machiavelli all summer Noticing TV's disquieting remove You could no longer imagine a future I could've sat down and cried with you That could've been my clearest memory

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