

# One Day Roy

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1.

One day  
Roy kissed a boy  
he came home one night and said  
    mom, dad I love Danny.  
mom cried and said  
    I knew it.  
dad threw him against the wall  
Roy thought of Danny's boy lips  
dad hit Roy in the eye  
locked him in the coat closet  
where Roy saw Danny's body  
float down from dark ceiling  
and lay on him  
a blanket of warm leaves  
just in from sunbathing

2.

One day  
Roy said  
    I'm going to New York  
    I didn't take acting in school  
    for nothing you know.  
mom said  
    If that's what you want.  
dad said  
    You'll be right at home with  
    all those fags  
dad's voice hot coals in Roy's ears  
and his fat hairy hands  
grew in Roy's pupils

3.

One day in New York  
Roy discovered men's bars  
safe dark closets with light shows  
A man asked him if he'd like to be a star  
Of course Roy said  
    That's why I came to New York.  
So Roy became very good at sex

4.

One day  
Roy was bad  
just like when he told mom, dad  
    I love Danny.  
he bought himself  
a leather jock strap with silver spikes  
and found a teacher in a leather mask  
who taught him that being bad pays

5.

One day  
Roy woke up crying  
he had a headache  
and called a friend  
who came to shoot a pain killer  
through his virgin vein

6.

One day there was nothing to feel  
Roy made and spent lots of money  
he dreamt of swimming  
in a pool of the whitest sand  
and woke up to bleeding blisters  
that made his bed sheets red

7.

One day  
Roy became a skeleton  
doom hiding in his veins  
a black slug with a dog's head  
barking to be fed  
lack of cash beached him

8.

One day Roy's mom  
sent him a letter  
it came back  
no one could find Roy  
somebody said  
    He got so skinny he  
    just disappeared.  
but nobody knows that I saw Roy  
talking to himself  
in a bus going towards the Hudson  
a finger gun to his head  
he pulled the trigger a hundred times  
and then the bus driver said  
    Hey boy, this bus don't  
    go no further.