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## To the Boy on the Bus Swatting Bees

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All happiness is coincidental

Stumble upon it as bees do upon your frightened skin

Be tender, boy, be a man and be tender

Be merciful

They mistake you for flowers

Do not hurt them

They lick the sweet pollen from your smiling cheeks

Kiss you

As bees do