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## Objective Quiz

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## OBJECTIVE QUIZ

Wake up.

It's time to go.

The words stumble through my brain  
as I wash down Battle Creek in a bowl.

I fall from my chair into a state of manic excitement  
as my feet lead me to the slaughter  
of another day at school.

My head is bombarded by dripping trivia  
as the teacher

coping with a hangover as best he can

slices my dreams into small pieces

and scatters my individuality before an eager crowd.

I am pushed into a square of apple pie  
to fit the ultimate goal on the assembly line,  
graduation.

After passing inspection

then being rejected into a world

where I will function

wearing the brand name of my instructor

firmly implanted

forever

in my mind.