It Happens Every Day

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The first part of every day for me is good
I've got the bus stop in my neighborhood
And every thing's on purpose, everywhere they go
Hiding in my car and running in the snowRunning with the friends they'll know for years
I've seen it all from here, from hereIt happens every day, before they go to school
They play until the bus drives up beside my lawn
And there's always been a mother who waits till they are gone
Then she turns away, happens every dayNoon comes and turns this campus upside down
I watch the students in this college town
You would think they're carefree, I have seen their trials
Frowning into Shakespeare and practicing their smilesEven underlining Nabokov
When I am not in love, in loveIt happens every day, with their journals and cafes
Looking up at their reflections on the other wall
With every new idea, wondering if they've changed at all
Then they turn away, it happens every dayLife is as hard and as easy as they say
Walking the steps we've chosen on this day
Some will be outrageous, some have rarely shown
Some will walk in couples, some will walk aloneAs I think about the world I see
They stare and smile at me, at meIt happens every day at the crossing of the street
Looking out to see what's new and what is still the same
And the only word for love is everybody's name
And that will always stay, happens everyday
And every day will happen without you

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