

Happiness

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The subway
is an interesting creature.
It welcomes all sorts of people
allowing them to stay a while
going for a ride
getting to a new place
perhaps better than where they
began.

All people start off
happy.
Some may ride with happiness,
feeling its joys,
like a whole bunch of family
and a whole lot of birthday cake.
Others choose to leave happiness
then live in desperate search of it.
Some lose their ticket to happiness
before their ride is up.
They are forced off the subway,
and are made to watch its tail lights
fade into the distance
as they are
left
behind.