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First Class #25 collects stories and poetics meant to thrust your mind through some of your fellow humans' creative interpretations of the beautiful, the engaging, the thought-provoking and the gorgeous horrors and wonders of humanity. It is my hope that you will be exposed to an idea that stirs up and electrifies your grey matter a bit.

Twenty-five is a secondary coming of age, a pivotal time of self-realization and a milestone in which a determination of our views, principles and purpose in life begin to solidify. The "life" of First Class is at that point. We're pretty sure that our purpose and motives are clear... but hell, one never knows when the train wreck or winning lottery ticket may cross our path... and those principles are put to the test to either entrench or morph...

What you'll find here is the very best that flowed through my pobox over the last six months. Every one of these poems and short stories demands further contemplation upon completion. You will be treated to expert use of symbolism, imagery, and rich, well-fortified characters. For that, you can thank the terrific writers who had the will, courage and skill to get it out.

Again, I am pleased that your eyes are on these pages.

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