

## What Makes You Happy

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But don't worry, mom. I met him in a restaurant  
And all this time I've been getting to know him  
He's got an ex-wife in Pasadena, and sometimes she's a mess  
To deal with, but mostly we've been living here  
Uninjured...

There's a silence, and she says, "Listen here young lady, All that matters is

What makes you happy, but you leave this house knowing my opinion won't

Make you love me if you don't care to."

But mom, I'm sending you this photograph, I swear

This one is going to last and all those other bastards  
Were only practice!

I feel the sun on my back...

I smell the earth in my skin...

I see the sky above me like a full recovery...

She said, "Listen here young lady, All that matters is what makes you happy,

But you leave this house knowing my opinion It won't make a difference if you're not ready."