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Observing, being conscious of the dynamics of my reactions and how they affect my moods, is key to becoming free to choose how I behave in any situation. I am also learning how critically important lifestyle is to developing this ability to observe. Living at a slow, deliberate pace is essential for my reflective awareness. Silent inner listening during focused art expression is my most effective aid for getting beneath emotional disturbances, for discerning what defense mechanisms may be operating, and for perceiving how energy is channeling more deeply and authentically through me. Art is primary process; I find it helpful to use secondary process as well – words, rational thought – so I make personal notes about the situation and the process of creating the visual expression. Another aspect of my intentional lifestyle involves walking. I have consciously decided that I would rather die of a heart attack than to exacerbate the ongoing distress of my bipolar condition. When I feel intense, urgent or agitated, I need to settle into stillness, and open to my capacity to observe and reflect. A welcomed insight or solution occasionally arises that I had been too distracted to perceive. I need to limit the amount of stimulation to which I subject myself. My sister lives in Europe and has traveled back and forth for forty years, so when I was able, I was happy to reciprocate and began taking annual vacations in Europe. I thought I was taking it all in stride until the effects of my highly active and social job, coupled with the stress of overseas travel – both of which I relished immensely – took its toll on my nervous system, culminating in exhaustion and an unexpected crash that forced my retirement. But skepticism and fear of consequences contain this kernel of truth: I find it wiser to remain in the middle, in the present. Now, with more time and less external responsibility, I am learning to regulate my responses to circumstances, and my mood swings are more superficially situational than the deep rolling ocean swells of the past. Optimally, energy flows through me and takes creative form in relationships, mundane household tasks, simple being – but the process requires constant monitoring. I need plenty of solitude, rest, and silence. Creating visual expressions, meditating, and walking work best for me; and gardening, occasional radio programs or CDs, and spontaneous contact with family, friends and neighbors, are manna. She invites you to view her art works at www. When it hit me, it hit me like a cable knit sweater. I knew I was alone and could, for a few months, do whatever in the world I pleased. Like so many who begin their life with a mental illness I was at University. No one at fault. I did my best. We all did our best. What if in , my junior year in high school, I had begun to see a therapist? If I had gone to the community college? If I had joined the Navy or just gotten a job? Twenty five years later I am used to being in my head. I am comfortable and at home there. It takes something intense or some new perspective glance in a mirror to make me green to my illness again. Tonight it took one more nasty freezeup bomb on stage. One more awkward silence of my brain squirming while everything shuts down. Everything screamed Go home! Go back to your table! You really screwed up this time! You really needed a great performance deadly thought for the performer and you died. You wished you could die. You hoped for a clean, honorable way out. What did you get? No one can bring down a room quite like you. So your head spun. Everything was about YOU! You were grateful for the darkness of the room. Grateful for the other people who went on stage after you. This feeling of all eyes on you is partly my illness, partly true. I often enjoy being the center attraction. That night I caught a glimpse of cold canned steel wool smearing Tabasco sauce on my pock marked thighs while a third eye burned its way through a Dutch cabinet full of peanut butter across the room next to my middle ear apocalypse. Is this the way I think? Maybe sometimes, but rarely. So you can place them in a box. Is it sad that because of my illness I may have not reached my full potential in life? What could I have been if my mind had not taken the path less traveled? A very important thing I believe. I am a food addict. Having a mental illness and an addiction together is called a Co-occurring disorder. The food and the pain and the mental illness all feed off each other.

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I am fighting to keep my thoughts positive and optimistic. I also want to be realistic about my situation. Speaking of being realistic, I have had some major delusions. Delusions are like stories. I once saw five guys putting up a rope in tree over on Lewis road in order to lynch me later. One day I was a big college football star. One morning I looked into the rising sun and was sure that it was a living entity. This bit of writing is not meant to exhaust my thoughts on me and my mental illness. It is meant to entice the reader to open a door to a locker room where each locker is a human mind. Some of these lockers are standing open. Some are just closed and some are securely locked. But we are all in that locker room together. I have been called the king of tact. I appreciate when family and friends alert me to, in a sensitive way, to some part of me I might want to consider working on or changing. It is not healthy to berate myself with should have, or could have, or might have. I have a mental illness. Educate self and go on. Come to my house for tea. Look at my artwork. Read my Facebook posts. Ask to read my journals and poetry. Understanding and empathy go a long way. Who knows when I will perform once more? There is a chance if I do that I will goof up again. That optimistic chance is the main reason I wake up in the morning. I use it several times in this paper.

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