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What I want is to stay in bed, wrapped  
In the sheets, protected because college  
Can be a scary place to be as a senior,  
Only a few short months left before  
You are thrust into what they call  
“The real world”.

My legs, like cement, deeply  
Punishing me for going to the gym yesterday.  
Dragging and clawing my way out  
Of the grasp of my cradle, sluffing off  
The clothes from the night before.

My eyelids crusted shut, prying them open  
Hoping to find clothes that somehow  
Coordinate with each other, from the  
Pile of clean clothes begging me to  
Put away where they belong.

But this is the cost, this is what it takes.  
Does the road wind up-hill all the way?  
Yes, to the very end.

But like I said,  
Do what you have to today,  
So you can have the life you want in the future.  
The alarm clock cannot defend itself,  
But I hit it anyways.

I had to buy the  
Old-school one, with bells  
being mercilessly  
Abused, forced to make that  
ringing, chiming,  
Ear-bleeding racket.