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Waking up begrudgingly
In a cold clammy sweat
But I'll start the day strong
Carpet Diadem, as they say...right?
I pull on my galoshes and wade through my home
I feed the fish and flora, as I make my coffee
Scattering pellets and handfuls of snails
I'll have something to eat as well, I suppose
Perhaps a banana? With a side of Grape Nuts?
Sounds sufficient for my big day
Pouring up a bowl and peeling its fruity companion
I top it off with some sauce, not sure what kind
It's been in my fridge unlabeled for years
It's getting awfully green in here, I'll need to de-algae soon
Especially the carpet, I can feel the seaweed underfoot
As I trudge to the dining room table
The day will soon begin
I grab my salt-encrusted respirator and tanks
And my barnacle-covered briefcase
As I open the door and swim out
Into the crashing waves and flooded expanse