

DAY & NIGHT

Day is the first draft.
Night is the revision.

NIGHT POEMS

At night, in my dreams,
I write poems.

The poems are like this one —
flimsy poems.

Night or day, I am the
same poet.

THE MOON

The moon rose last night
and she began to speak.
She said, "Don't write a
Song - it will be weak."

I said, "You are wrong.
I will write a song.
It will be beautiful,
it will be strong."

"No no no no no," said
the moon as she glowed.
"Your song won't be right;
it will ruin the night."

I said, "I don't care.
My song's already there.
I'm singing it right now,
with my lips and mouth."

The moon began to wane;
she was in pain. She said,
"You don't know,
down there below."

I said, "I'm sorry,"
as I poured tamarī
on a bowl of rice.
"My song is very nice."

The moon grew so small
she couldn't even call,
and I sang my song
all night long.

HEARD IN A DREAM

“I was up all night sleeping.”

MORNING IS EASY

The morning is easy.
You've done it before.
You pee, wash your
face, open the door,
leave the bathroom.

It's night that's hard.

PRAYER

Come,
Night,
erase Day,
with its
grievous
errors.

STRANGE FACT

The Miami Dolphins sleep with a nightlight.

A SECRET

You reach
the morning

by riding
the night.

CHRISTIAN PROPHECY

These are
the Last
Days, but
there'll be
many more
Nights.

QUOTATION

“If death is anything like night, it will be
exquisite.”

– Somerset Maugham

CONFESSION

Last night I
binge-watched
the moon.

NIGHTTIME RITUAL

I sing myself
to sleep,
then six hours
later, sing
myself awake.

APRIL 4

I am awake, but my
eyebrows are still sleeping.

A SECRET

With my
night
goggles,
I can
see the
human
soul.