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_I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness_

-Allen Ginsburg, “Howl”

A generation of antisocial social networking

The bright screens BURN their retinas to melt down their faces to drip on the textiles of isolation

As their ringing laughter fades into the keys and comes out the other end a silent, stoic, EMPTY, mean LOL

You have 892 friends out of whom you speak to five. And the other 887 you wouldn’t know from Adam if you passed em on the street. NOR THEY YOU.

A generation consumed by STATUS. And yet still poking and tagging as if stuck in the wet-diapered playground of KINDERGARTEN.

Connected by ties that are so flimsy as to be CUT with the single stroke of a key

A generation too cowardly to say how they feel out loud but feel BALLSY with the protection of PIXELS

All in a game of whose MOUSE is bigger

Who friend their enemies
And tweet like maniacal birds possessed with SELF IMPORTANCE

TWEET (NOTICE ME)

TWEET TWEET (I’M IMPORTANT!)
Who need the validation of letting EVERYBODY know what they’re doing at every single SECOND of the day

And then take pictures of every MEANINGLESS event as if to prove they have a LIFE.

The CONCEIT

Look at me at this angle
look at me at this angle
look at me at this angle
LOOK AT ME!

emotions replaced by emoticons

friends with followers

SASHA STRELITZ!

I’LL REMEMBER YOU IN DESANTIS!

I’LL REMEMBER YOU in Parker 243

I’ll remember you

A GENERATION of youth connected to everyone.

And still alone.