[an unrelated title. Like “Allegory Birds” or something]

What would make you happy?

Seriously, I need to know

What makes a poem like this *mean* something to you? Make you *feel* something?

Did the title do it?

May[be] I shou(l)d use stra.nge punctu-ation

Is that hip? Is that cool?

Oh, I know, I can use a pretentious metaphor

One that draws meaning up from the depths of sadness like an eagle in the Tuscaloosan sun

or i leave everything lowercase

does {} _____ spacing make meaning?

oh, i know, i can talk about something obscure

like how i slaved in a peruvian bakery for three years, making alfajores.

don’t know what those are? well fuck you then,

I don’t have to work to make it understandable

and if you dare ask what those are, I will mock you. For you are not as cultural as i

no no no no no, iM doing this all wrong, i need to show higher meaning

i have a worldview no one else does! LA VIE BOHEME! i say.

goddamn am I Special.

i must write as the great poets did! about truth, beauty, love.

surely no one understands these things like I do

please just tell me what would make you happy? what would make this poem good?

i do not write for MYself lately,

i write for you.