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Thanksgiving Contest Extra Credit

I think I am a decent writer

Never being the best at anything I did

Not an all star track runner, or an honors ensemble section leader

I was just me

Decent at the things I know and mediocre at the things I do not

A blurred line divides all of my activities, passions, and aspirations

For I could never tell which one was *mine*

Everyone has the one thing they are good at and I spent years convincing myself that mine did not exist

Never being able to derive it from deep within

In a constant panic that I was simply a middle ground for anything and everything I did

What was I to do to calm my nerves, to pass my free time, to bond with others

What trait was I to use if I was never effortlessly incredible at something

Well you do not need to be

You do not need to be the absolute best at anything that you do

You simply have to make the absolute best of what you do

Calculation and obsession will get you nowhere and oftentimes you will find that the one thing that makes you special

The defining characteristics of your personality come out

When you have truly hit rock bottom

So here I am, finally believing

I am a good writer