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when you live by yourself

you can bench press
your weight in quietness
get so you talk
to your cats
but they won't say
"I love you," back

you listen to the world
through those feeling-sorry-
for-myself songs

you wish
you never played

over and over again

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