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Welcome to Suburbia

What is more welcoming
than suburbia:
white picket fences,
close cut evenly green lawns.
smart houses
one after the other
lining neat streets.

No wonder I declared
this is my habitat.

But, beyond the front door
I found a kitchen
stacked with various
mechanical utilities
that I would have to learn
to manipulate;
a bathroom
crawling with invisible disease
that would require my constant scouring;
a parlor so cozy looking
no restless being need apply;
a bedroom
with a ceaseless,
docile, sexless bed
awaiting resurrection
from a miracle-worker
greater than I.
So I turned around and ran.

But a neighbor mistook me for a jogger.
It was already too late

-John Grey,
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