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### Poem by Lucille Lang Day



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the names of all your Facebook friends  
the rides you liked at Disneyland  
who rode with you on Splash Mountain  
and what necklace you were wearing

who sent you a link to her reading in Houston  
who wants the name of your publicist  
who was worried that she offended you  
and who invited you for coffee this afternoon

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who left you voicemail messages on Monday  
before speaking with you on Tuesday  
who gave you the best bid on Wednesday  
and which Latino contractor texted you today

that you ordered Cetaphil Moisturizing Lotion  
and Neutrogena Fragrance-Free Hand Cream  
on Amazon along with *The Crafty Poet*,  
*Miss Emily*, and *Surprise-Inside Cakes*

that you don't login to Twitter every day  
but you've tweeted things like the "Wake Up  
and Take Action on Climate Change" petition  
and "Dung Beetles Navigate Using the Stars"

the NSA has whole buildings of computers  
with teams of engineers and systems analysts  
to track your search for furry slippers  
and tell the president what size you buy

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