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Bridge two: The Art of Walking

That is a Sunday afternoon, I walk on the High Line to my way home, then I realized the assignment of seminar where I need to find a place and do the observation. And High Line is such a nice place to do the observation so I sat down on one of the bench and start to observe the surroundings around me.

The sun is setting and here comes more tourist. It is the most beautiful time of the day, especially on the High Line you can facing the Hudson River while watching the sunset, it truly feels like sunbathing at that special moment. I notice a lot of couples showed up at that time with holding their hand still and smile on their face, just by watching them I felt my heart fulfilled with warm and happiness. I wonder how come I never seen such scene on the High Line before, maybe I wasn't pay attention or stop my walk just feel the sunset. I also noticed one person from the observation, a person who use typewriter to write poet. I'm not quite sure how often he come to the High Line, but two times out of five times I walks by he was there. I just sat down next to him and watch him type the poet to the tourist, I find that pretty interesting because it is rare to see people still use typewriter at 2018, and somehow it is meaningful to me to see someone who

use typewriter because I only seen at television before. For me, he is a live history who remain the good from the past.

With further observation, I find out the atmosphere created under the cover of the sunset changes the environment around me. The road seems like are covered with pure gold with a touch of glittering, even the plants around me are swing in the wind and covered with bright orange colored thick blanket. If I ignore the tourists around me, I can imagine I am in the middle of Amazon forest and my bench is like my little boat, I can just lie down there and enjoy this very special moment.

With the process of Derive-ing, I discovered a lot of things that I never pay attention before, I truly enjoy the whole process and at the very end I nearly forgot I am in the middle of the assignment but I guess that is what this assignment about, don't think too much just keep observed the things around you. What I learned from this is start to pay attention of the things around you, even if you are on the street, in the subway, or on the bus, put down your headphone and look out to the window, you never know what view you discovered or heard a wonderful violin performance on the way home.