

# NATURALLY CRAZED:

*Some Reflections on Normalcy and Genius*



The most talented people  
are naturally crazed.

They see twisted curves  
where others see straight shapes.

They hear the music of revolving spheres  
while most detect only noise.

They taste the vintage of exhilaration  
while most ken ordinary grapes.

They imagine continents crumbling  
as sand passes through their hands.

Ordinary people are boring  
& basically brain dead.

As a representative of mediocrity  
I understand this:

Is there actually much value in breathing  
with an empty head?

**Devani :** (shaking her head) The basic premise of this poem is wrong:

I know a lot of talented people with no evidence of dysfunction.

**Brice :** . . . and I know some dysfunctional people who aren't so talented.

**Carlos :** (shrugging his shoulders) Well, it's good to reflect on the notion of sanity, normality, and talent.

**Anya :** I am afraid most so-called 'normal' people are dysfunctional in some ways, yet functional in others.

-  Newfields

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