

# **Travelin' Around**

# London

## Arrived

Arrived in London

Now on board of a ship - Tattershall Castle  
Had a café au lait and a delicious Cobb Salad  
Now a glass of Pinot Grigio Rosato

The Ferris Wheel on the other side of the River Thames  
The House of Parliament and Big Ben ahead  
Walked through Hyde Park, Green Park and St. James's Park  
Passed Buckingham Palace and saw two black swans

My first impression?  
I will like it to be here  
Well, yes, the endless ocean, Gus's  
But I know that I will enjoy the next days

My writing?  
Will depend somewhat about the possibilities I will have  
Not that much as at home certainly  
Hey, I'm on holiday

But at least some "The Happy Clown"  
But at least some "The American Dream"  
But at least some "Travelin' Around"  
But at least some

It's short before 6pm now - local time  
So I will stay here some longer  
Enjoying my wine  
And then back to the hotel - enough for the first day

## London's Normality

I'm sitting here in London  
It could be also Paris or Madrid or any other large European city  
Sure, the red buses who are crossing the bridge and such things  
But it could not be Los Angeles or San Francisco

This also could not be Chicago or New Orleans  
But it could be Rome or Berlin  
European cities not differ that much  
Maybe that is it, what fascinates me that much about Los Angeles

On the one hand the palm trees are boring  
On the other hand they are fascinating  
On the one side Los Angeles is a fucking city  
On the other side Los Angeles in a wonderful city

The ship moves up and down  
At the moment the sun shines  
For the next ten minutes, then it maybe rains a bit  
London, red buses on a bridge, nearby many died

### **First Day**

Still my first whole day in London - Thursday 6:38pm  
Walked a lot, had problems with WiFi, but found a solution now  
Could not continue with "The Happy Clown", can't use Google Earth and Wikipedia  
Tomorrow it should function better

Apart from that I'm satisfied with this day  
Tomorrow maybe "The Poetry Cafe", but I'm not sure  
Tomorrow maybe the zoo, but I'm not sure  
Tomorrow "The Happy Clown", I'm sure about that

### **Tickets**

Have bought me my tickets  
Bristol, sure  
But also to Dover at Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>  
My second last day in England

Somewhat strange?  
From Paddington Station Bristol would had cost me 61.50 pound  
From Victoria Station I pay for both tickets 65.00 pound  
But not because of the different train stations, because of the different railway companies

What's strange?  
In Los Angeles and San Francisco I saw all the day long things that inspired me  
See "In California" and "Californian Hopes And Dreams"  
Here everything is so common, looking out of the window, this could be easily Stuttgart

I think about the continuation of "The American Dream"  
Should I include some UK  
Or would this be too kitschy  
Well, maybe I should finish the story first

But the point is, that London not inspires me  
No idea for new stories  
Maybe Dover  
Maybe I've still enough stuff, to write for the next two years

N.B.: Sometimes there's a problem with the way I'm writing. Sometimes you make mistakes. The connection? I write, fast, as it comes me to mind, no corrections later - apart from grammar (sometimes). What, if you're writing something that's wrong and you're discovering this only later?

Right in the beginning I made a huge mistake (as a hint: (Sunset) Strip with palm trees and ocean view). I not corrected it, I even not wrote a footnote (so far)! Why? Maybe talking about it, with the Patrons that I not have? Another idea not to correct it is, that I think about the future. What about the idea, that I will read this in ten or twenty years? The memory: Oh yeah, the Bristol-Brighton-disaster!

What happened. What I have corrected is, that I've written Brighton at first. Now you will find Bristol in the text, simply because the concert is in Bristol, not Brighton (The Unthanks perform in Brighton as well, but my concert is in Bristol). But now I've discovered that I've made everything wrong - I'm getting old! The problem is, that what I've written about the British Rail is simply untrue! And this is obviously not acceptable. On the other hand? I not like to delete it - see above. What to do? This footnote.

## Done

7:34pm local time, today's writing is done  
Some miles I walked  
Not sure about, what to do with the rest of the day  
But have some ideas about the next days

The National Gallery I should not miss  
Modern art?  
Still not in the zoo so far  
Some jazz concerts this evening?

I will slow down a bit the next days  
The writing, I like it very much at the moment  
Even when it's somewhat more difficult  
But many places with WiFi in this city

Wow, this was - better still is - my second day in this city  
Still so much will follow  
Bristol and Dover only to mention  
It was a good decision to make it different this year

Even when I miss the ocean

## Thoughts

Thought about a writing during this night  
Would be a kind of extreme story  
I think about to include it in "Dystopian Dreaming"  
"Beautiful World" the title maybe

Since a longer time in my mind  
Somewhat like "A Fantasy Novel,....."  
But not in the (far) future  
Could be today

Whereas, I've the fear  
I would describe something, of what a lot dream  
In the one way or other  
Today was the London Marathon

## Second Part

The first part of the travel comes to an end now  
Today, in the evening, open stage  
Tomorrow the concert in Bristol  
Soon Dover

So far I did more than I thought  
And with this I not mean sightseeing  
Have written much more than I thought  
Interestingly this part is still very short

I've just written a part of "The Happy Clown"  
This is it for today  
Tomorrow I will not write that much - or?  
The travel to Bristol, the concert.....

Thursday in Bristol I think I will write more again  
Back to London in the late afternoon or evening  
The Monday in Dover, at least one day at the waterfront  
But now a relaxed afternoon, with sunshine (!)

## Open Mic / Open Stage

Sitting Poetry Cafe - open mic today  
You can sign in now  
Will I do  
I'm not sure

It's like I feared - it nothing changes now  
Only they are in who will read  
Like in Los Angeles and San Francisco  
What a difference to Stuttgart, Waiblingen and Asperg

And even there I see no sense in continuing with it  
But here, with no (real) audience?  
I think I will not read tonight  
Next open mic is here at my last day in London

I hope this sounds not too arrogant - I know in a way it is arrogant  
Ms. Grant's experiences  
My experiences in the States  
This would make sense would I live in London

It would also would make sense, would I've not read in Los Angeles and San Francisco  
But I decided not to go there this year, because doing the same again would make no sense  
And this tonight I would doing the same  
But I think it would be a nice thing for the last evening in London

Isn't it strange?  
In such countries, in such cities - London, Los Angeles, San Francisco  
You have no or a very small audience  
In Stuttgart every fortnight around one hundred and fifty paying listeners!

This is very surprising for me  
Because the quality in the States was very high  
At least as high as in Germany  
An I think that also here the quality will be very high

Germany, the land of thinkers and poets?

And a final point?  
I have to do it at home, if I find no listener in Stuttgart, I will find no listeners at all  
If I find no audience there, I will find no audience at all  
If I find no readers there, I will find no readers at all

I will not read tonight  
I will read at my last evening  
But first Bristol and The Unthanks  
First Dover

### **Thoughts**

A plain room downstairs, no stage  
Maybe forty simple chairs, looks like for a sales talk  
Please, this is not offensively meant, but  
The Poetry Café, The Poetry Society, London?

Okay, the rooms fills  
So at least some audience  
But also like in the States  
Everybody knows everybody

This means nothing more than, that more or less always the same people are here  
Also like in the States  
And also a huge difference to the situation in Germany  
Why this is so different in Germany?

The sign in is over  
I'm still sitting upstairs  
Yes, I will read at my last day in London  
But not today

Okay, to be fair  
The room is crowded now, many women, many young people  
Nevertheless, I have the feeling that I have much better possibilities in Germany  
Even considering the fact, that I'm writing in English

San Francisco seems to be the most interesting foreign city for me so far  
I have to experience cities like Strasbourg, Stockholm, Helsinki....  
And maybe I should think more about German cities  
Frankfurt (both), Berlin, Cologne, Munich.....

In the morning I've written that the second part of this travel begins now  
Now I have this feeling much more!  
I will walk slowly back to the hotel now  
Maybe one or two coffees on the way, a beer in a pub?

Tomorrow Bristol and The Unthanks  
Time for writing I will have (more or less)  
WiFi I should have in the hotel  
Today is the sixth day, seven more are waiting!

### **Cowardly**

No, that's not the problem  
Not to forget that the first reason to stay in London is the concert  
The second is to make some days holiday to think some things over  
Open stage would be an addition only

Saw still at home that in London you get only four to five minute slots  
Even the ten minutes in Germany I perceive as unsatisfying  
Therefore four or five minutes aren't better  
On the other hand, why not, a new experience

But I was not in the mood for such a short reading

### **New Text**

Yesterday in the morning I've written a new part for "The Happy Clown" - free day in Kingston  
Later I found my USB stick not any longer, and I had not saved the text on the hard drive  
I could restore most of the text, but not the ending  
Therefore I wrote it again

As always my writing is spontaneous  
Therefore it's difficult to rewrite something  
But I had to do so  
But now I found the USB stick again!

I have decided to use the first text now  
It was my original writing  
Next time I should not forget to make at least one copy  
At home I make at least two additional copies

## **Sorry British Rail**

Sitting in the train to Bristol  
We departed without delay  
That's much more than I would expect from a German train  
Therefore, sorry again for the things I've written about you

## **Ready Now**

I'm ready now to leave the hotel  
Arrived in Bristol  
Walked to St. Georges to make pictures - today is the first of May  
Walked to the hotel

I've written something in the train  
Refreshed, now I can leave the hotel  
Still some time till the concert  
But I should eat something before

Three charming ladies are waiting  
Well not for me personally  
But for their audience  
And I'm very happy, to be one of them

## **The Unthanks**

Back in the hotel  
What should I say  
Nothing  
My feelings overwhelming me

## **Three Voices**

Have heard the most beautiful voices a capella  
I mean all three  
What should life still offer me now

## **Does I've learned something**

Hope so  
Only not sure whether I can put it into practice or not

## **Exhausted**

Back in London I feel exhausted  
Mentally and physically  
To much input yesterday  
I will need some time, to get clear about it

Will write a bit  
Maybe I should have a walk in a park  
Feel like in a time bubble  
Like everything would happen in slow motion

## **Time Lag**

Thursday, yesterday I was in the middle of my stay in England  
I've the feeling if I would be in London since months  
And it would be months till I would return  
Very strange

The last two years  
Three weeks in Los Angeles  
Two weeks in Los Angeles and two weeks in San Francisco  
Everything happened so fast

But here in London, in Bristol, in England  
I've the feeling, that all would happen very slowly  
I've the feeling, that my inner clock would run slower and slower  
I've the feeling, that soon everything comes to a standstill

I've the feeling that I never lived and worked in Germany  
The English-speaking people around me, so familiar  
All this other languages, so familiar  
Only when I hear someone speaking German - this seems strange to me

Should I interpret this now  
Some days and I will be home again  
But what means home  
The many birds in Regent's Park?

## Getting Better

After some tea and some writing it's getting better  
Thought about to walk to Regent's Park  
But after a short shower of rain it rains very heavy now  
For the first time since I'm in London

On the other hand, also this rain seems to be only temporary  
It's getting brighter again  
But now everything is very wet  
A lazy evening in the hotel with TV? - The British TV is horrible, as the German TV!

Funnily, in Los Angeles and San Francisco you have a lot of (local) news channels in the hotel  
My TV in the hotel offers nothing substantial  
But maybe this is a problem of their selection  
Have not found so much BBC so far - but have also not searched really  
I'm not here to watch TV

Well done, the rain is over  
Have still an hour, then I should upload me today's writing  
Still it rains somewhat, maybe another tea  
Some pondering about the "The Unthanks" concert yesterday

## Drunken

Drunken somewhat, but not too much  
Had two pints of ESB - recommendation of the man behind the bar, last time  
And as I see now by reading a Wikipedia article, and as I tasted it, no bad recommendation  
Hey, I'm not that drunken!

But I have to confess, that  
The last time the steep and narrow staircase down to the lavatory  
Was a bit difficult  
But now I'm back in the hotel, walked by some prostitutes

Was the one with the very long legs a transvestite  
I'm not really sure  
Yeah, not think that they do this "job" because they like it  
But as they say it: Yeah, the shady sides of life!

Cool, when all is that easy  
But as I said it, I think for the first time: "Blackstar"; David Bowie  
(Heard a strange version of "Ashes to Ashes" in the pub)  
I'm a lucky bastard, I have not to sell my body, my mind I would like it to sell

I've the feeling, that I'm not that drunken as I thought, writing this lines  
Should I go again? - Some more beer?  
Hey, everybody likes to drink beer, as Mr. Kavanaugh is used to say - fucking bastard!  
But no, the last two days were too important

Now I'm a real artist, or only a fucking joke  
It will depend on my behavior, back in Germany  
Not on my writing, on my behavior!  
Now it's really the time to show your colors

Wow, again "Blackstar"  
Eaten two small apples, some crackers, and some shortbreads  
Made me a cup of black tea and drunken it  
Decided that the woman's name - "The American Dream" - will be Niopha

### **Better Again**

Look ahead to my return to Germany  
Will be a hard start  
Wednesday I'm back, Tuesday I have not to work  
Friday I have to work, the weekend not

This will give me time to start easy  
Have to think about that I will have a new employer soon  
Maybe this will be no problem, more an opportunity  
We will see

Have written a new part of "The Happy Clown"  
Maybe another cup of tea and a piece of cake  
I think I've lost weight  
At least I eat much less in London than I did it in California

Not because that the food isn't good  
Paddington, a mixed community with a lot of different kitchens  
No problem to find something delicious  
But after the unfamiliar large breakfast

Maybe I should eat breakfast when home again  
I never have breakfast, very seldom when I have not to work  
Maybe this would be a better rhythm for me  
Let's see, the tea and the cake are waiting

## **A Lazy Saturday**

A lazy Saturday today  
Have written two small parts for "The Happy Clown"  
Plan to continue with the writing on "The American Dream" later  
But apart from this maybe some sauntering around in the parks only

Tomorrow Kew Gardens  
Monday Dover  
Tuesday open stage  
Wednesday aviation

I feel relaxed  
Satisfied with the last days  
Feels like I would be here since a month at least  
That's a very good thing

## **Back From Dover**

Yesterday the wonderful architecture in Kew Gardens  
Today Dover Castle  
Back on the train to Victoria Station  
Tomorrow open mic

Soon back to Germany  
The looking down still functions  
Like thirty-six years ago  
Still very different compared to California

Maybe it's the distance  
London is very easy reachable  
By car, train or plane  
Not so Los Angeles and San Francisco

And what do I take back with me  
Ideas and images in my mind  
And strange, I look forward to be back in Germany again  
The last two years I was very disappointed to have to fly back again

## **All This Places**

All this places  
All this people  
If you're quiet  
Then you still can hear them

Kings and warriors are fighting in senseless wars  
At the horizon the continent  
On a boat straight into hell  
Brothers fighting, others have to die

History as a sequence of wars  
How disgraceful and pathetic is this  
But maybe it's only honest  
At least at a place like this

Would I have liked it  
To lie in the king's bed  
See the barren and cold walls  
Not a very cozy place

I close my eyes and think about  
In which of all this times I would have liked it to have lived  
And even when I try it very hard  
Only my own comes me to mind

## **What Else**

What else should I see still now  
Norwegian fjords  
I've the feeling, that I've seen everything  
I've the feeling, that I've heard everything

But maybe this is only exhaustion  
Wow, the last steps up to the roof of Dover Castle  
They were hard  
But then.....

Tomorrow a last day  
I think I have a lot to think about  
Back in Germany  
The first half of the year comes to an end

If the second half will be the same  
So many impressions, new thoughts and ideas  
Then I think 2020 will become a very interesting year  
But it's still 2019, still the first half of 2019

I'm back in London  
Will upload my today's writing  
Not that much today  
Other was more important today

But now slow down  
Drink some coffee or tea  
Not hungry  
A last pint of beer in a pub

Whatever, this travel showed me more than I hoped for  
Whatever tomorrow will be  
I not thought that it will become that interesting, to be honest  
Maybe it has not to be all the time California?

### **Poetry Café**

Sitting at Poetry Café again  
Still time till writing in  
Not did that much today  
Tomorrow I will be back again

What to say  
Nothing at the moment I think  
Have the next days in Germany  
To do so

I think I still should eat something  
Probably the last in London  
Maybe at the airport  
I'm very satisfied

### **9pm**

9pm and I'm sitting in "java u" in Paddington  
No, no longer in "Poetry Café" in Convent Garden  
I stood in the line to signs in, but not did it  
Why?

- 1.) I had overseen that also the readers have to pay to read (4 pound) - not really or?
- 2.) Approximately not more than sixty chairs in a small room without a stage and mic - most of them would be occupied by readers and their friends - no real audience.
- 3.) Okay, no surprise, but a place for poetry. I see me as author, not as poet, therefore not really my place.

But wouldn't it had been an experience? Sure, but in July I will read the next time in Stuttgart. On a stage with a mic in front of one hundred and fifty people who have payed for it. I doubt more and more about the idea to read in England or Sweden. I should concentrate on Germany, on places with an real audience.

Did a fast check "open mic spoken word Berlin" and got interesting results - I think Frankfurt also. City short trips are easy - I think I should concentrate on Germany. Whole Germany for special open stages spoken word and Stuttgart and Heilbronn to try to get the opportunity for single readings. I think this should be my aim in relation to reading for the rest of the year.

And London, how was it now? The first reason to come - The Unthanks? Still difficult for me to talk about - not the last time, definitively! End of the year?

The second reason - Dover? Well, looking down.....

Everything else was optional. I've learned a lot in this two weeks - really only two weeks? This weekend will be a strange weekend - Thursday in the jazz club?

Enough for now! I'm satisfied and hot! I'm very hot!

**8:33am**

I'm sitting for a last time in "java u"  
The other one in my neighborhood, not the one from last evening  
English breakfast tea with milk and sugar  
I've started to drink tea with milk and sugar

I will read the "taz" now  
And then a relaxed way to the airport  
I've plenty of time  
But I don't like it to be in a hurry

In the evening I will be at home  
Tomorrow some time in Heilbronn - jazz club day  
Friday I have to work  
But the weekend is mine

Let's see how it will be  
Back in Germany again  
Back, but not the same  
Not the same it will be

## **At Heathrow**

Sitting at Heathrow  
Still time till departure  
It's really strange  
The last two years at LAX

I was always very sad  
I had tears in my eyes  
Not to say that I cried  
Not here, not at Heathrow

I just waiting till my plane will depart  
It's like sitting in Stuttgart at the train station  
What I will later do  
Very different compared to the two last years

## **Back Home Again**

Back Home Again  
Well was a bit more difficult than I thought  
The plane's departure had two hours delay  
Therefore I returned at 10:30pm instead of 8:30pm

But now I'm back  
The tea is already ready  
First glance at the post and some cleaning up  
The rest is for tomorrow

So, now this part comes to its end  
Not quite long this part has become  
And because I'm not sure about other travels to foreign countries this year  
Maybe the whole part will be very short

We will see  
Now the post and some things  
And tomorrow is the next day  
Have not to work, what I appreciate after this long travel very much

London called  
Now I was there  
Now it's time to move on  
With three wonderful and unearthly voices in my ear

# Portugal

## Expectations?

Yes, of course, many  
But in a way I only can win  
Even if I would be a coward again  
Therefore, let's do it!

The next time I will write something  
I will be on my way  
Or even I'm in Porto already  
Therefore: I look forward to see you again, Mr. Maurer!

## Arrived

Sitting "SUNSE7", a restaurant and café  
It's short after 6pm local time - 7pm German time  
A huge glass front in front of me  
Behind of it the Atlantic Ocean

I had a fantastic dinner  
Mixed Seafood  
Wonderful octopus, calamari and king prawns  
Croutons, wonderfully in olive oil and garlic fried - much to much french fries

Not able to eat all  
Concentrated on the seafood  
While looking at the ocean  
While the sun set

A somewhat cloudy day  
Unfortunately clouds near the horizon  
I could not see the sun drowning in the ocean  
But the wonderful color of the water, while it got darker and darker

It was a very easy travel  
Via train to Frankfurt Airport  
The flight  
To the hotel by taxi

Two or three minutes I have to walk to the ocean  
I'm not directly in Porto, I'm in Matosinhos  
A sand strand and rough waves  
Many surfers in the water

The first I saw at the promenade was  
Was a man who sold roast chestnuts  
Bought a dozen  
Not knew how many seafood I would get later

A wonderful beginning of this travel  
It's dark now, see the light from Matosinhos harbor  
Outside you should see stars  
Tomorrow?

Have no distinct plans  
Breakfast and then we will see  
Intensive writing in any case  
Maybe I will spend some time in Porto

It's easy to reach the center of Porto from here  
I would say that I'm happy at the moment  
At least I'm very relaxed at the moment  
Watched the ocean's waves for two hours or so

A good start  
I ask if they know a bar near this place  
Not have to go to bed early today  
Breakfast from 7am on, but till 10am!

### **The First Day**

The first day comes to its end  
I sit in a beer bar now  
Found no classic bar in this street  
At the hotel they recommended me this street

In this street one wonderful seafood restaurant after the other  
But no bar in that sense  
But one of the problems is, that this is off season  
And more, today is Sunday

Therefore also this beer bar will close at 10pm today  
But during the week it closes at midnight  
Just around the corner, five minutes from my hotel  
And of course they have WiFi

As far as I can see it, its very common here that restaurants, bars and cafés have WiFi  
Very good for me!  
I think Porto - downtown - should be my aim tomorrow  
Look forward to tomorrow

Wow, I'm somewhat drunken  
Had a glass of wine, a glass of port, and now a dark beer - a Portuguese one of course  
I'm really not used to drink much alcohol  
But that's okay

Think about to eat something  
Not because I'm hungry - on the contrary!  
But because of the alcohol  
A potato with sour creme would be not bad - or?

Okay, the potato is without sour cream - really?  
You have no sour cream - really?  
Okay, two customers at the bar recommended me another dish as a snack  
Why not!

Gosh, I feel very relaxed now  
After a half day here!  
Maybe I'm too drunken just now?  
Who cares! Me definitively not!

But seriously  
I never started that easy in such a time  
Even in London I was much more uptight  
Gosh, I look forward to see Amanda Palmer again

I'm hot on to start with writing tomorrow  
Gosh, I've changed a lot during the last months  
There's this wonderful old castle / castelum / fort at the ocean side  
The rocks and the boisterous waves - reminds me of San Francisco, Fort Point Rock

I have to return to San Francisco, Los Angeles as well  
I have to visit Tucson, not to talk about El Paso  
Not to talk about Chicago and New Orleans  
How much I would enjoy the New England States!

Yeah, I'm drunken  
The recommended dish was very good  
But I ate too much and I drank too much today  
The music is fucking good

HopTrip is the name of the place I'm sitting  
Not much cocktails  
Will order a Gin Tonic now  
This will kill me for today - tomorrow will be a new day!

## Porto

Stood up early, breakfast, then I walked to the center (?) of Porto, the Praça de Mouzinho de Albuquerque. Okay, still some feet away, but I decided for a cup of tea and a rest. One of the main axis of Porto, the Av. da Boavista, ends at the plaza, and starts at the fort, the Forte de São Francisco Xavier, at the beach of Matosinhos. More, for some time you can walk through a very nice park, the Parque da Cidade do Porto - that's the theory!

The park was in fact very nice, some lakes, many very nice looking places - not for the last time I was there. I had to walk somewhat uphill. Then I walked along the avenue and I realized that I had to walk uphill mostly all the time, sometimes I felt like in San Francisco. Yes, this part of Porto is located on a hill, and as far as I can see it, this is in fact the highest point of Porto. The way I like it to discover cities can have its pitfalls.

But now I managed it, and after the many eating (and drinking) yesterday, it was not the worst to do some exercise in the morning. But I had some problems with my stomach in the night, was not in best condition, but now I sit here and have a hot tea.

I will walk the final rest to the plaza later, then downhill to the Douro (River). Alongside the Douro I would reach the ocean again, then back to Matosinhos - that's my plan for today, what walking concerns. Then I should continue with "The Happy Clown" - let's see what all I can achieve today!

## Douro

Reached the Douro now  
At the end it was a bit more complicated then I thought  
But now I'm there, near the Ponte da Arrábida  
In a supermarket with a bakery  
  
They offer good sandwiches with cheese and tomatoes  
Good for my stomach  
WiFi - every place here has WiFi, or? (Poor Germany!)  
And they even have sockets, so I can charge my battery again

Still a distance to the ocean  
Even when I see the wonderful water  
Back to Matosinhos a somewhat lager distance  
But I can use a bus if it's too much for me

It's short after 1pm now  
No need to hurry with writing  
Have enough hours to do so  
Now I will rest somewhat, and then the ocean again

## **Back**

Back in the hotel again  
Seven hours of walking  
Three short breaks  
The two and an additional cup of white tea

Was very good  
Today a fantastic day  
Sunshine, but now more clouds  
Hazy at the horizon

I wait for the sunset now  
Should have a light dinner  
Still problems with the stomach  
But better as in the morning or the night

Will write at least one day "The Happy Clown" today  
But maybe I will upload it not until yesterday, depends on when I have finished writing  
Tomorrow I will concentrate on writing  
But this day was too beautiful to sit all the times inside

But now I will walk back to the beach  
Sunset waits  
Then I should eat something  
Then I will start with writing

## **Back After Dinner**

No sunset, again clouds at the horizon  
I'm back from dinner, it's short after 8pm local time (9pm in Germany)  
I will upload my today's writing now  
Only "Travelin' Around"

Not finally sure about my stomach  
I'm totally tired now  
Why I ordered a white wine and an espresso?  
Would be stupid to try to write something now

Nevertheless it was a cool day today  
Tomorrow will be a writing day  
At least three days "The Happy Clown"  
When is the Sondland hearing - Thursday?

I know some interesting places around here now  
Wow, it's 8 o'clock here in Porto - or better Matosinhos  
And I prepare to go to bed!  
But it was a fucking good day today!

## Second Day

9:25am, the ocean in front of me, a sailing ship  
Stood up early, breakfast, feel good  
Heavy clouds at the sky, some rain, cold today  
Was a very good decision yesterday, to walk around intensively

My stomach, much better now  
Was good, some snacks over the day, light dinner in the evening, tea  
Somewhat tired, but surprisingly no aching muscles, no blisters at the feet  
In London I had an enormous one

This is a perfect day for writing  
Sitting inside, looking outside, hot tea  
On the other hand it's strange  
Looking at the ocean, thinking about to write about the Arizona desert highland

But that's my "job" now  
No show at the first day  
Then Flagstaff  
And finally the Grand Canyon, day one

Very interesting writing today  
But I will start with some writing about yesterday  
And some impressions of the first day  
Let's get it on!

## Porto

My second morning - it feels like I would be here since a very long time. Okay, it's still Europe, I pay with Euros, even the sockets are the same as in Germany. The landscape is not that different, many things, nothing is "exotic". But then there's something, all seems to be somewhat slower.

At every corner you see a café, a place where you can sit, inside and if it's possible outside. In the morning and the evening all these places are well-attended. For a coffee one always has time, and it is extremely cheap to do so! A cup of coffee - or a tea - for 0.60€ to 1.00€? That's normal here, in Germany a cup costs you 2.20€ and often more!

But it's this feeling that the people do everything somewhat slower, I have Los Angeles in mind, but London also. The people have no time for nothing, try find a place in L.A. to sit down, drink a cup of coffee outside, reading the newspaper or a book - Wonder Baker in Chinatown maybe! Here you have this opportunity at every corner! That tells you a lot about a culture.

Yes, you see also the money here. Yesterday, the third and last break on my way, I sat in a bar/restaurant at the beach. The people there showed that they were definitely not poor people, but even this had a somewhat different attitude compared with Los Angeles, not to talk about London, or the in this context very hypocritical San Francisco.

My second day, Arizona waits. I like it to be here, Germany, my job, seems so far away. It's strange, much more than in the States. Sure, it would be very different would I work here, as cook, not to talk about the summer season with all the tourists. Things become questioned, also here you could have a house at the ocean, the small one only, but still an ocean. It's good to travel!

## **Rainy Day**

Still a rainy day - 3:45pm local time  
Have written two days "The Happy Clown" now  
I stop this writing therewith  
Then I can write the two day at the Grand Canyon tomorrow

I'm not sure whether I should be satisfied with today's writing  
Especially the second day was "tenacious" writing  
But at normal days I have not even started to write at this time  
I think I go back to the hotel, try to sleep somewhat

Why not continuing with one of the other stories?  
Tomorrow I will drive to the train station to buy me a ticket for Braga  
I will look for a place to write in this area then  
In a way this day has not actually begun

Yes, I should have a break  
And then I can see what to do with the rest of the day  
In a way very satisfied with today so far  
Hey, it's just the second day

## **Back From Dinner**

Back from dinner, after 11pm now  
For nearly two hours I had dinner  
Passed by a small restaurant, some tables occupied  
Four Portuguese people - two couples - entered the restaurant right in front of me - I entered it also

It was definitively a very good choice  
Had a very fantastic dinner  
Ham and fish croquettes with fine bread as appetizer for free  
More than a simple amuse bouche or gueule

Unfortunately I could not try one of this fantastic looking desserts  
They had a dessert trolley  
But I had a glass of ten-year old port  
I had to pay 28€ in the end!

Yes, the wage level in Portugal is lower than in Germany  
Maybe I'm too much used to cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco and London  
It off season - a reason?  
But you can imagine how overcrowded with tourists this place will be in summer

Whatever, my stomach not perfect but not bad either  
I hope the night will be good  
Tomorrow the station  
I'm satisfied with day two!

### **Third Day**

Stood up not that early, breakfast  
Then I drove with the Metro to the train station, Campanha  
Bought the ticket for Braga at Saturday  
Walked around for an hour or so in this old part of Porto

Now I sit in a café opposite to the station  
Cloudy, cold and just right now it starts to rain  
I will have lunch here and then I will decide  
Noon - plenty of time I still have

Should it continue raining I will drive back  
Otherwise I will walk around Fontainhas  
The old Porto  
Well, I've my umbrella with me?

I've a daily ticket  
I can use all metro trains and buses  
Therefore I'm very flexible today  
But now, at first, lunch

### **Too Much Rain**

Too much rain, decided to head back  
Was good decision, now 5pm  
Heavy rain outside, even some thunder  
Have written something

"The Happy Clown" will change during the next days  
Has to!  
Will it be good?  
And in February 2021?

I will eat a salad now  
Found a nice place, WiFi, sockets and interesting salads  
Then I think I will finish the Grand Canyon part  
Two days in one

Tomorrow Lake Mead  
I think this will become the most important part so far  
Will concentrate on it  
I like this spontaneous writing, not thought that it would come to this point

## **Severe Problem**

Yesterday in the evening I came back from walking around a bit  
Started my PC, thought to listen to the hearings and writing about them  
The PC not booted, a very severe problem occurred  
Wow, that was fucking!

It's 11:20am now, the next day  
Worked till after 2am on the problem  
Also this morning  
Can use the PC now again, many is restored, but not all

Can write, but not upload  
Have no access to Amanda Palmer's Patreon page  
And others more  
Need some "special" information, hope that it will be possible to get it soon

As said, can continue with writing  
Hope that I can upload soon again  
But the worst for me at the moment is  
I cannot receive any direct information from Amanda Palmer anymore

This is one of this strange moments  
In a moment everything seems to went wrong  
I have to meet her on Sunday  
And if not?

She's Amanda Palmer  
There will be a possibility to get in contact with her  
In the end there are many  
Let's make the best out of it!

## **10pm**

10pm, just finished the Lake Mead part  
Very mixed day today

I think that I can fix the PC tomorrow finally  
Today I have everything done that I could

I have written, good writing?  
Not important in that sense, I have reached a certain point, that's important

My stomach in the morning good  
Then suddenly - what did I wrong?  
In the afternoon I got more and more problems  
Stopped writing and went back to the hotel  
Tried to sleep, was good for the stomach  
Bought me salted crackers - good decision  
Now I drink a gin tonic, functions so far  
The juniper is not bad for my stomach

Tomorrow, Friday, the last day here (till I return later)  
On Saturday I will travel to Braga  
On Sunday the concert  
I hope tomorrow I can fix the rest - PC  
Yeah, at a certain point you have to make a decision

In the mornings I hear the seagulls  
Every day I see and hear the ocean's waves  
What's funny?  
A condo is very affordable here  
Los Angeles? San Francisco? The West Coast?  
Only a thought, Mr. Petty  
Yeah, the future is wide open!

P.S.:

As I started to proofread this text  
A man addressed me  
About what I would write  
What shall I say  
From France, Paris, also writing  
I gave him my business card  
We talk for a while  
A very mixed day comes to it's end, to a good end

### **It's Friday**

It's Friday, tomorrow I will travel to Braga  
I feel surprisingly good this morning  
Maybe the efforts concerning my stomach of the last two days have functioned?  
Best morning since I'm here!

Look forward to a good salad as lunch  
And an expanded seafood dinner  
I hope that this condition will last  
Have to fix the PC, but still have not all information to do this

It's a day with sun and rain so far, heavy rainfall during the night  
I'm motivated to write a lot today, a part of "Beg Your Pardon!....." I've finished already -10:15am  
Soon I will meet Amanda Palmer again  
I hope that I will have no problems to find the meeting point?

But I'm in the mood now to meet her again  
I'm in the mood to write the first day of Las Vegas now  
Decisions have to be made  
Look forward to the next open stage, Rosenau - the next meeting with the authors in Heilbronn

After some more or less difficult days I think that I have it now  
It's very cool to be here - this city, this country  
Very relaxing and calming - okay, I'm on vacation  
But I also look forward to be back in Germany again

In March I will have some vacation again  
The second and the fourth week  
Ms. Grant in Cologne and Agnes Opel in Munich  
But I have still some days left, I think I've planned them for May?

Coming back to Matosinhos - would be maybe no bad idea  
I would know many nice places then  
Lisbon - more in the south, warmer, different, a very beautiful city without any doubt  
And yet, it's very good for me to be here at this place!

We will see  
First I have to see what happens with my stomach during the day  
I will fly back next Friday  
Still a week I have time, time for many things!

### **3:30pm**

3:30pm, have restored nearly everything now  
Especially, I have again access to my webpage - as administrator  
Now I can upload again!  
Wow, the number of readers has dropped extremely since I was offline

Have written some stuff today, also yesterday  
Enough for the readers to read  
Will upload it later  
But I think I will not write more today

My stomach still very good  
Had a fantastic salad as lunch - Coffeelicious  
Ate some salted crackers  
So far everything is good

## Arrived

Arrived in Braga, have still to wait till I can check in  
Sit in a café opposite to the guest house, the reception is not open all the time  
Had a very good lunch here in Braga  
My stomach very stable at the moment

Yesterday, in the evening, I had problems again  
No dinner in a restaurant  
Also the night was not good  
But now, still, everything seems to be good

The venue of the concert tomorrow, Teatro Circo  
Is only around two hundred meters from the place I'm sitting right now  
A lot of historic places in the center of Braga  
Let's see, what the meeting place tomorrow will be

I still have to wait twenty minutes till I can check in  
It's Saturday, the restaurant was very good attended  
And also this place - Dona Petisca - is  
So far a very good beginning of my time in Braga

I will try to write the second day "Las Vegas" today  
But I think not more  
Maybe the hard-boiled story?  
We will see

## Bad Time

The above I've written somewhat before 3pm local time  
Now it's 11:28pm local time!  
As I shut down the computer I got the message that there are 159 updates  
Due the reinstalling yesterday

At the beginning it went well, but then every update needed more and more time  
At the end the whole process lasted till right now!  
No chance to write anything today!  
I waited, and waited, and waited!

Okay, it's as it is  
Tomorrow morning I will start again  
Nearby is a bar that has open till 4am today  
I need a good cocktail now!

## Two Bars

Was in two bars now - it's Saturday Night  
It surprised me somewhat  
This, Braga, is a very old city  
Many old and wonderful churches, historic buildings, a large pedestrian area - and now

This is party city  
Many places are still open - many people on the streets  
Many people are standing outside of the bars and restaurants  
Everywhere you can here music

It's after 2am  
In Germany this wouldn't be never ever thinkable - nighttime disturbance  
And it's November  
In summertime?

I sit in my room and hear the music from the street  
I'm in the center of Braga, the center of the party  
If I would not have to write tomorrow, wouldn't be the concert tomorrow  
I would spend the night on the streets

But I have to confess, that I liked Matosinhos more  
Well, the ocean, but also somewhat "more dignified"  
My stomach is very stable at the moment  
Even after an Old Fashioned and a Whiskey Sour

Should I have the remaining days less, not to talk from no problems  
Would this make the things much easier  
And I could enjoy all this fantastic food around me  
Apart from the PC I'm very satisfied with this day

## Shocking Morning

Stood up early, shower and breakfast  
The town nearly dead, Sunday morning  
But found an open café  
Of course WiFi, large coffee with milk

And then?  
No problem to get connected with the internet  
But I could not call any page!  
Would be not the first time that you ran into problems after an update - and I had 159 of them!

But after the whole process I had no problems in the guest house  
I did a restart in the evening - today is the day of the concert!  
Back to the hotel - everything functions!  
Now I sit in another café, Daqui, everything functions now!

Fine start in this day!  
Time to relax now  
Time to start with some writing  
Will see when I will upload something, concert starts at 7:30pm

### **First Writing**

Have finished my first writing today  
Second day in Las Vegas  
So far "The Happy Clown"  
Tomorrow I will write the travel to Salt Lake City

It's short after noon now  
No message from Amanda Palmer till now  
Enough time for this  
Some more writing?

In any case I will upload this writing before the show  
Or the meeting with the Patreons  
Let's see what she has planned for Braga  
Till then I will write

Unfortunately it rains  
Not much but constantly  
I would like it, to walk around a bit  
But I hate the weather!

### **Did It!**

Was not like in Stuttgart  
Nothing happened in front of the concert  
She had a very bad night, bad days  
Maybe therefore

And the concert was not her normal show  
She did this one or two times before  
When she was in a difficult mood  
But it was a fantastic concert – it was much more than this

It was an evening with a lot of emotions  
And many surprises  
Audience even from Russia and Canada!  
Amanda Palmer talked about her most private feelings

At the end she made a very nice picture with her patrons  
And then she gave autographs and hugs for way over an hour in the lobby of the theater  
I gave her my business card  
Yeah, this time I did it!

The staff of the theater waited all the time  
Till I am!  
And now?  
Unimportant, I did it!

Not thought that this travel would have such an impact  
Not only because I did it  
Much more the time here  
A few days are left

Sunday I will be at work again  
And then?

Then I have to develop a clear strategy for next year  
Well, January open stage and March the next reading with the authors in Heilbronn are a beginning

With the other authors reading in the pedestrian area in Summer would be interesting  
But in the end I have to search for opportunities for long single readings now  
This has to have the focus now  
And Amanda Palmer?

Let's see, she did already a lot for me!

### **Amanda Fucking Palmer**

Exactly 7am now  
I woke up, had some sleep  
Have something in mind  
Should write it down

She talked about it yesterday  
Also in Stuttgart  
About art, being an artist, creating art  
The - strange, weird.....? - relation between the artist and the audience

Never saw me as a "fan"  
But my relation to artists like Beth Gibbons, Joanna Newsom, Tori Amos, Emilie Simon.....  
Only to name them  
Not to talk about Ms. Grant

*They give you this / But you pay for that* - Mr. Young  
Often enough I said it, that I would pay everything therefore  
Only for one time  
And I know that this is silly talking - typing this in my room

And yet, onstage, only some minutes  
I should enjoy it more  
I never ever paid anything  
But therefore I got nothing either

It was strange, even more than as in Stuttgart  
We gave you something?  
We took away a lot from you - we're thieves!  
I gave you something, I took away a lot from you - what a strange relation!

### **Fuck The Notebook**

It's 10:25 now  
Again problems with updates  
Way over an hour  
Fuck tha notebook

N.W.A. - okay, still this white old man from the middle class  
Hey, watched for over an hour fantastic series on BBC entertainment now  
"Atlantis" at the moment  
*Yeah, I'm a gangster* - not really!

### **The Day Comes To An End**

The day comes to an end  
The first after the show  
I'm satisfied with my today's writing  
Not sure

I'm very tired  
Had problems to concentrate on writing  
Tomorrow I will be back in Porto again  
And soon in Germany again

Friday and Saturday I have not to work  
Two days to come back, to rethink my writing  
The other stories  
Neglected them

I will upload today's writing now  
Then I will walk around somewhat  
My stomach relatively stable at the moment  
Have to go to the doctor when I'm back again

Portugal, what a journey  
London was so boring at the beginning of the year  
The concert in Bristol was wonderful of course!  
This was definitively not my last time in this country!

## **Back In Porto**

I'm back in Porto  
Have written a comment  
Amanda Palmer's post about Braga  
I'm totally stirred up

I'm not sure whether I will write something today  
The two days in Salt Lake City I will write tomorrow  
My last day in Portugal, Porto, better Matosinhos  
It's nice to be here again

It's a very misty day here today  
Braga was nice, but even in November you see it  
It's a very touristic place  
But nevertheless a place worth to visit

But I like it more to be here, in Matosinhos  
I have no mind to write today  
Too many thoughts have conquered my mind  
Maybe later, otherwise tomorrow

Made a mistake  
Will work from Saturday on again  
But Friday not, back in Germany  
What kind of girl I could be - cornflakes or raisins?

Drowning in the Sound  
Yeah, drowning  
It's time to drown for me  
Too long I've hesitated

## **No Writing Today**

No writing today  
I'm totally exhausted  
Everything of the last days gets back on my feet  
I slept for two hours, dreamt

I have to have a long shower now  
I should go out, walking and sitting around  
A nice dinner maybe  
Early to bed

Tomorrow will be a new day  
So much happened the last days  
With Braga as the climax  
I think it will be not the worst to be back at home at Thursday again

But now firstly the shower!

## **Feel Better Now**

Feel better now  
Had a wonderful dinner  
Was so tired before  
But it was good to go out for dinner

In one of this small Portuguese restaurants  
Restaurante Mar na Brasa  
And by the way, I've forgotten to name the other restaurant, only a few yards away  
O Clássico

Now I sit in the bier bar  
HopTrip Craft Beer Shop  
Gin Tonic - well, big glass, ice, but tonic  
Tastes more like a Martini

It's a bit difficult to find the tonic  
But I can wait till the ice melts  
Tomorrow the last day  
Have a fucking lot to ponder about now!

I'm sure now that I will come back  
I think the vacation days I've planned in May would be good  
But first I have to return  
And then there will be the two concerts in March

Okay, now my Gin Tonic tastes better - more like a Gin Tonic  
But I think one will be enough  
It's near midnight now  
I think that I will dream a lot tonight

## **Last Day**

My last day in Portugal  
I sit in café, on the beach, the ocean in front of me  
And even when there's horrible - American pop - music  
I can hear the ocean's waves

Cloudy today, a strange light  
I'm really very exhausted  
Not saw the sun drowning in the ocean once  
This is not Santa Monica Beach!

This is a rougher sea, a colder sea  
Not the always shining California  
It feels more like Downtown West, like Westlake  
Where I always stay, when I'm in L.A.

Had a few problems with my stomach tonight  
At home I need a new notebook and a new stomach  
But this morning it feel good again  
In the end it's much better now as at the beginning of the journey

When I close my eyes and hear the sweet sound  
Not the fucking music, the ocean!  
I have to fight not to fall asleep  
This morning's so strange illumination

Would it be cool would Amanda Palmer read my writing?  
Would it be cool would I get a feedback?  
Would it be cool would she become my Patron?  
Yes, of course, it would be unbelievably wonderful!

But nevertheless, it was the second time to be that close to her  
The photo with the Patrons?  
I'm developing, that's the point  
Next open stage in Stuttgart in January will be very different - I will be very different

I'm so fucking tired this morning  
I should walk around somewhat, along the beach, the cold morning air  
The fucking music sucks me!  
I could fall asleep immediately

## **Coffeelicious**

Last time Coffeelicious  
Had a nice lunch  
Ondas do Mar  
Have written the first day Salt Lake City

Still I'm tired  
4:20pm now  
Had a nice vegetable soup  
More later

Should write the second day Salt Lake City  
Not sure how good the transition from Portugal to Germany will work out  
From the USA to Germany was always very hard  
From London to Germany was easy - and this time

This time it has to be  
Portugal was good, but with Braga it has found it's end  
Now I have to come back home again  
Now I have to implement the newly learned

Nevertheless, I'm very tired and empty in a way now  
But I have Friday to recover  
Heilbronn "täglich" maybe  
Some writing would not be bad

I'm relatively satisfied with my stomach at the moment  
Maybe I should change my eating behavior somewhat  
But will be not that easy in the daily German living  
But at least some changes I should make

It would be cool to be here again in May  
At least I should target it  
At least I should start with some planning  
It would be cool to be here again in May

### **Now It's Over**

Had a fantastic dinner  
Restaurante O Manel  
It's between Restaurante Mar na Brasa and O Clássico  
Three nice restaurants within a few yards!

My highest bill in Portugal  
But in Germany I would have to pay without problems twice as much!  
I'm somewhat pissed off  
Now in the end, now my stomach loves me again, now that I have to leave!

At the beginning I had such a lot of trouble  
Eating was no nice thing, especially in the evening  
And in the nights my stomach hated me  
Or I hated my stomach?

Now that it's fun to eat this wonderful food, offered everywhere  
Now I have to go  
This is fucking!  
But I will come back!

My Gin Tonic tastes better today than yesterday  
But it will not become a long night  
Tomorrow I will leave  
I plan to drive early to the airport

Maybe I will do a last writing "Travelin' Around" there  
Then this part is finished  
Till the next traveling  
11pm now

I will need some days to handle all this  
Will I get a feedback from Amanda Palmer?  
Maybe, maybe not  
Whatever, she did a lot for me, showed me a lot, taught me a lot  
  
And yes, it would be fantastic would she

### **Porto Airport**

I'm sitting Porto Airport  
Still some time till boarding  
I feel relaxed, still somewhat tired  
But I'm interested in to see, what tomorrow will be

And Saturday, back at work again  
It was a real intense travel  
In not only one way and sense  
Much more than I thought

It's always good to travel  
To see a different place, a different culture  
And yet, Portugal is not that far away  
Still the EU, payed with Euros, the next supermarket was a LIDL!

But inside this LIDL was very different  
Compared with the ones in Germany  
From outside the same, but in the end very different  
I really enjoyed this vacation, even the first week

I really thought about it  
Could this be an alternative to the States  
The West Coast  
And I got the feeling: Yes!

Cheaper it would be without any doubts  
Still the EU, no problems with health care and such things  
Also an ocean, even when it would be only the small one  
Friendly people, not in a hurry all the time, not all is about the money

Fantastic food, not only from the sea, also meat, also vegetarian  
Wonderful bread, sweet things and deserts  
Good wine and fine port  
Yes, this could be without doubts an alternative

My pension would be enough  
I could make my living in Portugal  
With some Patron maybe also some years earlier  
Could this be an aim

To try to win over some Patrons  
Statutory pension, private pension and the Patrons  
Maybe I could realize this within a few years  
It would be fantastic to have the whole day for writing

I one of the cafés with view of the ocean  
You could have a real cheap living here  
The basic food is not expensive  
I really should consider this!

I even could work in Portugal easily  
It's the EU!  
I would only need a job  
Then I would be allowed to stay

I only would have to stop with dreaming from the West Coast  
The endless ocean  
The seafood is not better there  
Recently the Portuguese had elections

They elected again a socialist government  
Not such a disgraceful president  
Rich and poor also here  
But by far not that torn apart this country is

Nazis in Portugal  
I think so  
Do they march with swastikas and showing the Hitler greed like in the USA  
I don't think so – maybe I'm wrong

Okay, there's also one big disadvantage  
24/7 soccer in TV  
It's even more extreme like in Germany  
But on the other side also basketball and football to be fair

Just now, here at the airport  
The Lakers play – and are on the way to lose the game  
Versus the New Orleans Pelicans?  
Come on Lakers – well, New Orleans?

Still some time till boarding starts  
I think I should ponder on it, till May  
Then I should return for a final decision  
I should learn Portuguese then and would have no problems in continue writing in English

Yeah, I have to make some decisions soon!

# Portugal

## Frankfurt Airport

Sitting Frankfurt Airport, waiting for boarding  
Still over two hours time, came early to have time  
Used the travel so far to think about some topics  
I think that I should change some things

My writing  
At the moment, with this development in the States  
I see no deeper meaning in continue with the three major stories  
I should start with "Microcosm"

But I will decide this later  
Tomorrow I will have time therefor  
Today my aim is it, to see the ocean  
Not more, not less

At the moment I see the situation in the States as kindergarten  
The president contradicts himself in every way  
Breaks federal state law in every way  
But the proud United States of America is not capable to react properly

This is a mere joke  
I say this as a fucking German, sitting and waiting to fly to Portugal  
The United Laughingstock of America  
But yes, there's this other America

But why this America is not able to give a distinct answer  
Why the Dems a so fucking passive  
You have a fucking lot of severe problems  
It would be time to act harsh and distinct

But look at the Dems  
This bunch of Whites – behind the scene  
You expect real change from them  
Sell your soul to the devil, this would make m t tiore sense

I fear that the United States have a very, very severe problem.....

## Arrived

Arrived in Matosinhos  
Had a nice very late lunch or too early dinner  
Now a coffee and something sweet  
Nice beginning of the vacation

Last year it was later  
It's still bathing time  
Have not packed bathing trunks  
Maybe I should buy some tomorrow

The European style  
Not this American ones  
I have no problems to show my fantastic body  
Pale and old

CNN at the TV in the hotel  
America, I will not miss you totally  
But not the whole day  
I have better things to do!

Oh, I thought this café is open till 8pm  
But only till 7pm  
And it's already after 7pm  
Therefore I have to stop!

## Sunset

Sunset at Santa Monica Beach  
Sunset at Matosinhos Beach  
Well the Ferris Wheel is missing, as well as the roller coaster  
But a citadel, somewhat older than the whole USA

I'm only some hours here  
But I like it, it's relaxing  
Was a long day today  
Back in the hotel some CNN?

Not that I forget the USA  
Would be awful (sarcasm!)  
But maybe not the worst  
Still there's this other USA.....

But now I'm in Matosinhos  
And I should enjoy it  
Tomorrow I will have a lot of time  
Look forward to tomorrow!

## **Nearly A Year**

Nearly a year since my last entry, "Travlin' Around"  
Not the best year that I had  
Hopefully that I need not again a year till the next travel  
Hopefully the time by then will be better

Sitting in a restaurant and café  
Drinking a cocktail  
Well, it's not "Old Fashioned", but okay  
Darkness over the ocean now

Clouds at the sky  
Some planets and stars  
It was warm today  
Now it's getting

Well, this day comes to an end now  
On the way to the guest house would be this beer bar  
They have WiFi as well  
Maybe a gin tonic or so

I would like it, would this day never end  
This day will never end  
It will be an endless day  
Only my death can end this day

8:51pm local time (9:51 pm in Germany)  
I will upload at 11 pm local time (midnight in Germany as usual)  
I should empty my cocktail  
Enough time for the beer bar and some more writing

I feel new energy in me, walked in the sand while the sun set.....

## **Back In The Hotel**

The beer bar is closed at Mondays  
Maybe better.....  
I'm back in the hotel now  
Had a nice shower

CNN is playing  
Not much has changed in the USA  
Biden stumbles in Florida because of the votes from the Hispanics?  
Well, Hispanics are no Latinos.....

But sorry, Floridians?

*Yay-oh, yay-oh, yay-oh*  
*All the Floridians like*  
*Yay-oh, yay-oh, yay-oh*

Well, Ms. Grant knows it!

You only can shake your head  
Welcome your own personal Fueher  
This nation is deeply rotten  
And the West Coast - especially California - burns down

Welcome to the fucking phony American Dream!

### **The First Morning**

My first morning in Matosinhos  
Had a nice breakfast  
Sat half an hour in a park, doing nothing  
When I did something like this for the last time?

I have decided not to walk that much this time  
I should take it easy  
Tomorrow Porto, the old Porto?  
But today an easy day in Matosinhos

"Cozy Days In London" will be not affected by any decision  
I will not continue with this story today, but it will be continued  
Have received an email connected to my writing  
For the first time!

A good omen?  
Whatever, no twenty-four hours in Matosinhos again  
And I feel it again  
That this milieu calms my down

"The Book Of....."  
I will stop to follow the S.C.U.M. Manifesto  
I will begin with own writing  
This will be my first writing for the day

### **The Next Part**

The next part for "The Happy Clown" is written  
Now I will begin with "The United States Of America As The Microcosm Of The World"  
Tonight I will have a bigger upload!  
But I feel the inspiration back again

I would like to begin with something totally new  
But this makes no sense anymore  
Not so near to November the third  
Not so near to January

Soon very important events will happen  
Soon we will hit the climax  
What a strange time, I'm so old now  
Cold War, German reunification and so much more

But it never felt that strange.....

### **Started!**

I've started with "The United States Of America As....."

It's 4:23pm now  
Had a good lunch  
I should have a walk now

Not sure if I will continue today with the other two major stories

We will see  
Feel fucking good, strong again  
Very inspired!

But I have time!  
No reason to hurry, I have not to do everything today  
Tomorrow Porto would be nice  
And some further writing

Yeah baby, time for a walk!

### **Next Part**

Next part for "I Beg Your Pardon!....." is written  
Enough for today!  
Tomorrow the rest, especially "That's No Reason To Give Up"  
Then I can start with regular writing again

8pm now, Amanpour over now  
Stayed in the hotel for a while  
Now I will go outside again  
Without the laptop

Will be back for the upload  
Then I should go to bed  
So far I'm satisfied with this first day  
Let's see what tomorrow will yield

## **Back In Hotel**

Back in the hotel  
Just right to hear Wolf Blitzer congratulating Jared Kushner  
You know, that he's even worse than the president, the bigger swine, the bigger fascist  
No, you not know it Wolf? - What, he's a Jew? - Does this matter? - Humans are strange creatures!

Why you not press him on the accusation that Joe Biden is a pedophile  
This is so fucking disgusting  
You not get it, that this whole family bunch is disgusting, Wolf?  
This is why Germany became a fascist dictatorship!

Wake up, America!  
Fear that it's already too late  
It breaks my heart  
This CNN sucks!

## **Second Day**

Second day  
1:39pm  
Have written nothing so far  
That's okay

Should continue with "That's No Reason To Give Up"  
Maybe a further part for "Beg Your Pardon!....." would be good  
"Cozy Days In London" I can write whenever I wanna  
This story is not affected by the currant developments

Had a nice salad for lunch  
Not drove to Porto today  
Maybe tomorrow or.....I have time  
I will continue with working on the stories today

Not so hot today  
The next days it should get colder  
Even some rain is possible  
Especially tomorrow

I should have my umbrella with me  
Next week it should get warmer again  
Especially when I have to leave  
But the temperature should not drop under 21° C and that's okay

So, let's do some writing!

## **The Next Part**

Also "That's No Reason To Give Up" is up-to-date now  
From tomorrow on I plan to write every day a larger part for one of the major stories  
And maybe something for the other two ("Book" and "Cozy")  
Not sure about today

"The United States....." maybe  
"Beg Your Pardon!....." maybe  
Maybe relaxing for the rest of the day  
It's 3:38pm now

I will walk back to the hotel now  
I have to recharge the laptop  
The nice café with sockets from the last time is no longer!  
But it's okay, so I can see what CNN has for nice new news from the states....

## **Ocean View**

Sitting in a café where I'm for the first time  
6:10pm now  
Look at the ocean  
Still some time till dinner

Will continue with "Beg Your Pardon!....."  
Nice place to see the sunset  
Next to is an ice cream parlor  
Maybe an ice cream later, for the way back

But now some writing

## **Back**

Back in the hotel from a very fine dinner  
Very satisfied with this day  
Calming down more and more  
Looking forward to tomorrow

Will have a walk later  
I think I will sleep very well tonight  
Will hear the seagulls next morning  
Why I lend an ear to the fucking president now.....?

## Briefing

Why talking for hours about the president's obvious lies  
All this shit about a vaccine  
All this shit about Dr. Redfield - he was under oath.....?  
You not hear when he lies or just starts to babble stupid shit?

His intonation  
Like a little child lying or is just talking nonsense  
Concentrate on the important  
He's a bloody killer, a swine without any scruples, a racist, a fascist..... - he sometimes lies.....?

Hey, we in Germany are high-tech  
But we see that a vaccine needs time (Google "Contergan!")  
We have no such shit discussions  
But we have social distancing, using masks.....that what's the rest of the world is doing!

It's nice to be in Portugal  
You use masks, you do social distancing, entering a restaurant (with mask on!)  
The first you do is to disinfect your hands  
I feel very comfort in Portugal

Yes, also in Portugal the number of cases rises  
Moderately  
Yes, it would be possible to catch corona here  
But the risk is very low

Thinking about the States  
Los Angeles  
The fires, the virus, but especially this fucking president  
I think it will be not possible to be in the States in February 2021 again

I dream about a tour  
Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles  
And then there are cities like  
Boston, New Orleans, Chicago and so many others

It's strange  
I can travel to Portugal  
I could travel to New Zealand  
But to the States would be very difficult and risky

I would have to isolate for fourteen days after my return  
I would have to make a corona test at the airport right after my return  
I would have to pay for everything, would get no money for the time in isolation  
Would I get ill in Portugal - corona - I would get paid for the time in isolation

The difference?  
Portugal is a no risk country, they did it well  
The States are a high risk country, they failed  
It's okay to ravel to Portugal, a travel to the States would be my own personal risk

It's heartbreaking  
But the States, it's like the States would be on another planet  
You can see it, but you cannot reach it  
No vaccine for the public before the mid or end of 2021

And then many will not use it - sorry America, sorry.....  
When it will be possible for me to be in the States again  
Not 2021, it's seems obvious  
2022? 2023? When again?

I'm desperate about the American situation.....

### **Third Morning**

My third day has begun  
Some writing  
But I should have time also for me  
Should do some shopping

It's getting better  
Still nine full days and this day left  
I've decided to spend the weekend in Porto  
But I still need to improve

Looks not as if it would not rain today  
But it's somewhat muggy  
Therefore maybe later the day the weather could change  
But so far it's nice

I will start with "The United States Of America....."

### **And By The Way**

And by the way  
Thanks to Michael Cohen  
"Sycophant" is a new word to me  
I should use it, it's a nice word - I could not have better described the GOP!

Thanks, Michael!

## First Writing

First writing for today is ready  
"The United States Of America....."  
Let's see in which way it will develop  
It has rained somewhat by the way

Back in the hotel now  
Recharging the laptop  
I will do some shopping till then  
Another writing waits

## Well

Well, okay, now we had a somewhat stronger thunderstorm with heavy rain for some time  
I laid down for a while  
It's 6:58pm now  
Sitting in an Italian ice parlor, looking at the ocean

The sun shines again  
A nice double rainbow could be seen  
No further writing for today  
Need more to drink, an ice cream later would be okay

I will be at the beach today till the sun sets  
I'm not hungry, dinner?  
I'm in this mood

Laying at the beach forever, doing nothing anymore.....the sand is very wet after the rain now.....

I should have an ice cream now.....

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Yes, the ice cream was good  
Now it's getting cold and I need an espresso  
And then the sun will drown in the ocean  
And I

Have no real idea  
As said, I'm not really hungry  
Maybe I should walk around  
Just walk around, let the thoughts flowing

When will I drown in the ocean.....?

## **Leaden Water**

I like it, the ocean's water after the sun drowned in it  
This leaden water, this metallic water  
This is the right time to swim out  
To follow the sun

And yet, how spectacular the clouds had been today  
Three, maybe four or even more layers of clouds  
Like Jupiter's atmosphere  
And the sun illuminated them all the time differently

Every minute the appearance changed  
And for a moment there was this breathtaking sight  
From white to different shades of red, even violet and purple, to black  
All watercolored, like an aquarelle, like the pictures from Voyager

And even that it was obvious how it functions  
Different layers of clouds differently illuminated by the no longer visible sun  
It was astonishing and breathtaking  
Fractal came me to mind, this jagged layers of clouds, especially the lower ones

Now I'm back in the hotel  
Still not sure about dinner.  
A small dinner would be enough for today  
Let's see.....

## **Light Dinner**

Had a light dinner  
Well, it was a kind of stew with sausage, steak, cheese and croutons  
It was listed in the part "Tapas", thought it would therefore a light dish  
But hey, it was very, very tasty

There was a sign that should have warned me  
Sauce Francesinha - Toast Francesinha, a real heavy kind of toast!  
But as said, it was very tasty  
And I had a very fine little dessert thereafter - a local kind of pastry

So, a very fine way to finish the day - maybe I should have a walk after uploading.....

## **A Swine Named Barr**

How much more prove you still need, America  
This Nazis mean it serious  
They will kill your democracy if reelected  
But hey, we Germans did the same mistake and killed millions thereafter  
So, as you see with Germany, there's even a future after committing such a crime  
So, don't worry  
Well, you've already started to kill your own people  
Wake up, America!

## **Serious Problems**

Had a serious problem with the laptop  
I needed over two hours now to fix it  
But now I'm online again and can make the upload  
I hope that this will be my only problem with the laptop this travel!

## **I Have To Change My Writing**

This writing has a time limit  
Inauguration Day  
Then a new part will begin, have to begin  
I have to change my writing then  
Not sure in what a way  
But this kind of writing becomes outdated for me - I find no better word  
It's 1:08am now  
Have just managed it to upload yesterday's writing  
Maybe concentrating on fewer stories  
Maybe forgetting the USA  
Maybe I should try to write a "big" story  
Maybe I should write many many many many short stories  
Whatever, all will depend on the development in the US, I cannot ignore it!

## **Oh Fine, Now You-All Speak Out!**

One after the other speaks out now  
How awful this president is  
For years you sucked his cock  
But now your conscience woke up

Wow, what a funny game  
Now, when it's.....well.....nearly.....almost.....definitively.....too late  
What a shitty fucking bad travesty this is  
But hey, this is America, it's all about the show!

Welcome ladies and gentleman, welcome to the biggest show on earth.  
I proudly present you, the one and only United States of America!

## **Fourth Day**

Sitting in the café near the park  
Yesterday was a strange day  
The thunderstorm, a very ripped day  
Not that much of writing

But that was not the climax of the day  
At the hotel, in the evening, after dinner  
CNN, a last writing about Barr, everything was okay  
Then I tried to call the website up for uploading - I had no longer access to the Internet!

First I thought that it was a problem with the WiFi of the hotel - I hoped so  
Therefore I walked back to the place where I had dinner - Ondas do Mar  
I was there before with my laptop, not for the dinner, but as well last year  
No, also no connection

The staff gave me another access code - no connection  
So it was obvious that my laptop was the problem  
Back in the hotel I tried different things - no connection  
Then I decided to reset the system, always a risk

Last year I had a total crash  
I had to set the laptop back in its initial state  
All bookmarks, all pass words, all lost  
Well, it was my vacation, therefore I had time, but I have not (all) my passwords in head.....

So it was very difficult to restore everything  
And I needed the help from my sister and my brother-in-law in Germany  
But after all, and I think three or so days, it was done  
This time I needed only two hours!

Nevertheless, it was nerving  
Why this always happens in such a moment?  
I hope, that from now on everything will function!  
Day four begins!

### **Two New Parts**

Two new parts are written  
Enough for today  
5:18pm  
If no catastrophe happens today, this should become a relaxing evening

So far it was a nice day  
The best so far  
I feel good  
Some spray today, mostly cloudy, somewhat colder, but not much

Tomorrow I plan to drive to Porto  
Saturday, I think a good day therefore  
I know only one place with sockets in Porto  
But near the beach, not in old Porto

Maybe not so much writing tomorrow therefore  
We will see  
"That's No Reason To Give Up" should be the minimum  
Dinner this evening, some time at the beach, an ice cream?

Still eight whole days in Matosinhos are waiting  
And back in Germany?  
Let's see  
I should be more confident and positive.....

I think I buy me one of this huge éclair and some cookies, take away, for the hotel.....

### **A Day Ends**

Back from dinner  
A very fine one  
Had a thirty-year-old Port with a very fine dessert – Molotof or Molotow or even Molotov?  
Will have a long walk after the upload

And I have still my two éclair!  
Well, I can eat them tomorrow  
Or in the night?  
I never had the intent to lose weight during this two weeks!

Oh, yes, CNN  
No comment!  
One and a half month left  
Then much will get decided.....

## **A Light In Eternity**

Walked to the beach  
Sat down on the patio of a café there  
It had rain heavily before I walked to the restaurant  
It had rained heavily for some time during the dinner

The chairs were somewhat wet, as well as the tables  
But one table was occupied - Brits  
So I sat down on the patio as well  
Drank a coffee

Then I got in the mood to drink a beer  
I normally drink no beer - maybe a dark one from time to time  
The ESP in London was okay  
I ordered a bottle of Super Bock, the local beer, a lager, and strange, I liked it

A ship left the harbor  
I had the impulse to follow the ship  
To swim out, knowing that I would have no chance to reach it  
But that would have been no problem

The light became smaller and smaller  
Till it disappeared  
Swallowed by the dark horizon  
Where the black sky and the black ocean met

I ordered a second bottle, a strange evening, a strange mood, I liked the pale beer.....?

## **Dr. Atlas**

Well, Dr. Atlas  
You fit very much to the president - arselicker!  
As a doctor who should care about lives  
You're at least in the same degree a swine, just like as the president  
People like you made Adolf Hitler possible - thanks for that, Dr. Atlas!

**00:34**

Breaking news  
She has died  
Sad  
The president cheers

Should the Dems not able to delay it till after the election  
Then fuck you Dems!  
I have eaten my two éclair  
Fucking sweet they were

Please USA, end this farce  
It would kill me  
Hey, I'm a fucking German  
The concentration camps are an immutable part of history

Why I have to sit in this fucking Europe  
Why this fucking virus  
Should I forget everything and travel to the States  
But who would hear me, not to talk about, that I could change something

I'm not even able to win over a Patron, not even for one dollar a month, twelve a year  
I feel fucking useless, meaningless  
But it was always obvious that I wasted my life  
Why this shall change now

November the third  
I fear this day  
And hey, I'm a fucking old White German  
I will spend the day tomorrow in Porto

### **Fifth Day - I'm In A Bad Mood!**

Drove to Porto in the morning  
It rained slightly  
But then more and more  
Not nice to walk around there while it rains that much - I drove back

In the hotel now  
Wet clothes  
Should take a shower  
And then.....is this because of that, that I'm in such a bad mood?

No, not really  
I have no idea what I should write today  
That the United States of America are a shit country?  
That this nation will finally decay?

I DO NOT GET IT!  
Yes, it's a fight, a fight that radical religious White upper class men are fighting!  
I GET SICK OF IT!  
He still has a chance to win?

It's all about this fucking political system in the States  
**THIS IS NO DEMOCRACY!**  
Democracy mean coalitions, working together, equal votes.....  
But I fear it makes no sense to argue, it will not change!

What else Peter the candidate should say  
What else Peter the stand-up comedian  
What should the Peter in the big city do  
It all makes no sense anymore

I should have a hot shower  
I should lay down in my linens and the remaining curls  
I should sleep till August the third  
This America makes me sick, I have headache!

It's 2:49pm now - what else should I write?

### **How Many Indications You Still Need To See, To What A Degree The United States Of America Is Decayed, How Rotten This Nation is?**

You need more?  
Take the totally political discussion about the Supreme Court now  
Hey, this should be an independent court!  
I not wanna depict the situation better in Germany as it is, but

The "Bundesverfassungsgericht" (Federal Constitutional Court) in Germany has sixteen members  
Eight get elected by the "Bundestag"  
Eight get elected by the "Bundesrat"  
Always with a two third majority!

Because it is very unlikely, and it never happened so far  
That one political party has a two third majority - neither nor!  
These elections are always based on compromises  
The basis of democracy!

All the political systems in the States are hardly to understand  
Even when seen historically  
At least if you use democracy as benchmark  
But I think, that was never a standard for the States

The United States of America has a lot of severe problems  
The way the political will of the people can be expressed, is one of the most severe one  
For an European this is not acceptable as democratic  
But I see no way that the United States could modernize itself in this area

I'm in a big crisis now  
In what way I should comment this  
Should I comment this  
Why I should comment this

Still a week in Portugal  
Why not simply enjoying it  
Enjoying the wonderful seafood  
Well, the weather is shitty at the moment.....

## Like A Druggie

The United States  
Like a druggie  
You wanna help, you argue  
But deep inside you know, it will cause nothing

It's hard to see you falling  
Actually, not so much would have to change  
At least for the beginning, at least to start the most important changes  
And yet, nothing indicates that it could happen

Your White "gentry"  
They will not be willing to change, like the old man with the orchids  
When they are dead, no longer in power, then change can happen  
They have to die

In Germany we have no longer an emperor  
Or only gentry in the parliament  
It was a long and difficult way  
And yet, today we're a very stable democracy

Why you give such a power to Mitch McConnell  
As speaker  
So often you have the feeling  
In the States they do everything to sabotage real democracy

I see you as a druggie  
And I have no idea how to help  
My words are meaningless  
As my whole life

I look at the dark ocean  
Stormy weather, some rain  
A rough sea  
A perfect time for some swimming

## TV

As in every restaurant and nearly all cafés  
Also here not only one TV  
And of course soccer, always soccer!  
And hey, Porto vs. Braga

As I was in Braga last year  
Public viewing: Braga vs. I have forgotten  
I think that soccer is boring!  
Of course I cheered for Braga!

And this time?  
I have to cheer for Porto - or?  
Soccer is boring!  
Like ice hockey

### **Yesterday**

Yesterday I wrote another part for "The Book of....."  
I found no reason for the existence of men - may as source for sperm  
Today, McConnell, the president and others  
I see many reasons why you should get rid of the men

Porto leads 1:0!  
The people around me love it  
Was very clever played  
I think soccer is boring - ice hockey is cool!

It's 0:0 again?  
Do I have missed something?  
That's why the people around me gesticulate  
Well, soccer is a boring game!

I hope that the woman with the colored hair not hear me  
Well, no one hears me  
Tomorrow some brutal writing?  
We will see.....

### **Back In The Hotel**

Back in the Hotel  
Typewriting the in the café handwritten  
Discovered on Facebook  
And this is really a coincidence

There was a live-stream of the first preparation game: Stuttgart Rebels vs. Eisbären Heilbronn  
This means: After uploading, some ice hockey!  
The Ice Bears often start somewhat slow  
Let's see the outcome of the game!

## **Well Done!**

Well done Ice Bears - a 3:6 win in Stuttgart  
After a 0:5 lead!  
But was a very entertaining match  
Hope, that I can be in the arena soon again

So, this day is over therewith  
Tomorrow is Sunday  
Let's see what that day will yield  
This day was no good day!

Apart from the ice hockey match!

## **Chuck Schumer**

So, nothing is from the table  
Then let's see what you have  
Show that you can mobilize the streets  
So far the Dems were very toothless tigers

Four votes from Republicans are needed?  
If you're not able to get them  
This would be an evidence of incapacity  
For you, the Democrats, the American nation - forget the rotten GOP!

## **Halftime**

Today is half time  
I'm unsatisfied  
Unsatisfied with me  
For many reasons

Writing gets scrutinized  
I get scrutinized  
And the verdict is bad  
No upload today?

Why I should  
Why I should write  
Why I should not spend a day at the beach  
The sun is shining again, it will be a wonderful day

Why not a day in bed  
I could buy me some things at the supermarket  
Which is open also on Sunday as I saw  
The Americans have to deal with their crisis

Even more, it will change nothing  
My words are meaningless  
I'm meaningless  
Maybe this world is meaningless

Trumpery, trumpery - Theodor  
Sometimes something comes to a point  
Do I no longer believe in the United States  
Did I ever believed in the United States

The United States as a microcosm  
The human insanity illustrated to a perfect degree  
To a perfect degree by the American reality after her death  
It's puzzling.....

If this was a story  
Humans vs. aliens  
It would be easy, I would fight for the humans  
But it's humans vs. humans.....

Chose your side  
Humans or humans  
Neither side seems attractive to me  
I would like to decide for aliens

I feel like an alien  
Looking at all these humans around me  
In the now more and more crowded café  
I'm none of them, I not wanna be one of them

I would like to be a part of the ocean  
Weightlessly, zero-g, till the eternity  
Maybe the GOP will fail, no new judge for the Supreme Court?  
Maybe Joe Biden will win, will win Florida and many other swing states?

But the crisis is much deeper!  
Look at Bill Clinton in TV now  
When he dares to talk about the current president!  
What a fucking hypocrite this man is!

How much you got richer during your presidency?  
Your daughter not enjoys the privileges of the rich White upper class - or, Mr. Clinton?  
You not desecrated the Oval Office - oh, sorry, you not fucked her!  
And Hillary not used nasty words afterwards, to blame the woman!

This shows the deepness of the American dishonesty and depravity  
Of the humankind

Whom you should still trust  
Joe Biden?

JFK the racist  
*I'm a Berliner*  
Yes, with a very bitter inside  
Whom you should still trust?

AOC?  
A clergy?  
An evangelist?  
Bill, who not fucked her?

But all can be that easy, like in the States today!  
You can vote for Joe  
Or you can vote for the president  
No vote is a vote for the president

You can vote for democracy and at least a chance  
Or you can vote for totalitarianism and the final downfall  
Oh, and strong stock markets  
And friends all around the world, like the so liberal Saudi princes

If this is no easy choice  
Hispanics in Florida for example  
Maybe going back and fighting for a better Cuba?  
I know this is unfair, but I'm one of this fucking European assholes who know everything better!

I think about the people in Germany who elected the AfD  
Around twenty percent sympathized with them  
Means eighty percent not  
And their numbers are declining since corona!

So, seems to be not so bad in Germany  
Well, some Nazis have been discovered in the police forces again  
As well as in the army  
But at least we have a discussion about it, and they get discovered

And a predominant majority demands for consequences  
And saying that two hundred thousand deaths are a success story would be unthinkable in Germany  
I think I should buy me something at the supermarket  
To spend a day in the hotel, I'm sick of this human insanity!

### **I Know**

I know that there's a woman who would contradict me  
Notorious  
But looking at this American farce now  
If this makes you not sick? - I have to puke!

## **Better**

Better as in the morning now  
This was a strange day  
The last two days were strange  
Sitting in a Pizzeria now

Only a few yards in front of me the ocean  
The waves, it's getting dark now, exactly 8pm, it's getting somewhat cold now  
Still six whole days left  
I think I should be at the beach the whole day tomorrow

A week here, and I was not once in the nice park around the corner!  
And then at least one day in the old Porto I should be  
The weather will become better now again  
Still some things I should do

I think after the pizza I should write something for "The Happy Clown"  
"That's No Reason To Give Up" and "Beg Your Pardon!....." are already done  
Still six days  
A lot could be done in this six days.....

## **Monday**

The sun is shining, bright blue sky, only a few light clouds  
The waves only a few yards of me  
Drinking a coffee  
The nice park around the corner

Feel very different than last week  
In a way I would wanna be at home now  
Would miss the sound of the waves then  
But I feel that I have to arrange some things at home

I'm tired of my life  
Looking at the old castelo  
I will spend some time at the park now  
Miss America!

## **Up The Hill**

I walked one way through the park  
From its lowest point at the beach  
To its highest point up the hill  
I'm in Porto now

I needed nearly forty-five minutes so far  
Sitting on a bench now, with a nice view on one of the lakes  
I will rest for a while  
Then back to the beach

I would have I title for my new writing after Inauguration Day  
If there will be a writing after Inauguration Day  
"The Beauty Of The World As Such"  
Also for a new video

"Ghost In The Machine"  
"Does The United States Need An Age Of Enlightenment?"  
Is not forgotten  
It's beautiful here

I would like to lay down in the grass and fall asleep  
But I'm too restless  
I will close my eyes now  
And never I will open them up again

## **Back In The Hotel**

Back in the hotel now  
For nearly two hours I walked  
Was very good  
Bought me a salad in the supermarket while walking back

I will have the salad now  
Then I will have a "siesta"  
Let's see, maybe some writing later, maybe dinner  
Will depend also on the length of the siesta

Will do the same tomorrow  
The walking is good for me  
But now the salad  
The rest we will see

## Still Monday

Not much writing today  
I have to prepare for next Monday  
I have to prepare for the time home again  
Long siesta, not really over - 7:43pm

Will go out later  
Maybe a coffee or two at the beach?  
We will see  
Tomorrow at the park again!

## Cozy Night

Sitting in the restaurant at the beach  
8:23 pm now  
Ordered a salad with chicken and additionally the typical roast beard  
Wow, this is a very green day today!

But I feel good  
So far the best evening  
I should do it tomorrow the same way again  
And then still Porto waits

I can sit here and write something till the time to upload  
Maybe a stout later  
But now I await the salad  
Wow, only salad today and it do me good

But I think tomorrow a larger dinner again  
Two more restaurants would be interesting  
Still I have some time  
And without any doubts I will come back

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Had my salad - very tasty  
This typical bread is fantastic  
It's often ate for breakfast with this typical "coffee", like an espresso or mocha  
Now I wait for the sweet part

Hey, had only salad so far  
Feel relaxed today  
This evening could last forever  
The crescent of the moon at the sky

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Well, the dessert was fantastic  
Rabanadas  
Still some time till uploading  
I think I'm in the mood to write something!

## Tuesday

At the moment the sun shines – 10:35am  
But later around 1pm it will start to rain  
Till tomorrow around the same time  
So far the forecast

I had a strange night  
Many weird dreams  
But suddenly I spat out enormous amounts of small gravel  
Then I remembered that I had swallowed enormous amounts of gravel before

I feared, that I would wake up and would have vomited  
But I could see no reason why I should  
Later I woke up completely  
I had not vomited

I will use the time till it starts to rain to walk somewhat  
First I thought I should go to bed after breakfast again  
But this would be stupid  
Sleeping while the sun shines at least somewhat, and be awakened when it rains?

So, I plan to go to bed later, when it rains  
I should buy me a salad again  
Sleeping and dozing  
Till the rain is over tomorrow

Sounds not to be a that bad plan!  
Writing?  
We will see, maybe I should start to write about Portugal  
Portugal is no paradise, severe crisis in the last decades, low income and more

But I do not see this American racism  
But I do not see streets filled with the tents of homeless people  
But I do not see a society that not cares  
I see a much more modern nation, compared to the United States

But maybe this is not that hard to achieve!

**200.000**

You're a really failed nation  
In so many aspects!  
The American people are a fail folk  
In so many aspects!

It's not so much that it happens  
It's more in which way this nation reacts  
The press still discusses the president's lies and disgustingnesses  
Start to talk straight and frank!

He's a fascist, he has no scruples, as well as the people around him  
The free world no longer accepts the US - you're the laughingstock of the world!  
Tell this the American people  
Every day, every hour, every minute, every second!

Discuss this fucking Supreme Court stuff  
You're assholes and idiots  
The Republicans can do it, why they should not do it?  
Moral values? Please,.....

But even CNN or the Los Angeles Times are not capable to  
To discuss the real problem  
That your political system is a failure  
Only there, to ensure power to a White rich upper class

But why talking about this  
Electoral college, the power of the speaker in Senate and such topics  
You're a nation of fucking cowards  
It's heartbreaking and sickening!

The allies once saved my country not to become a Nazi dictatorship forever  
One is a fucking oligarchy today, one suffers under King Boris, one is not able to look in the mirror  
Maybe it would be time to overcome this nonsense  
The United States, always the best!

This exaggerated patriotism, America First  
Yes, America is last now, or maybe first?  
First, regarding deaths from corona  
Be fucking proud, America!

I see no real way to change this  
See no person who would be able to do the necessary changes  
Maybe this United States have to fail totally  
So that a new America could rise

We did it with a Nazi dictatorship, WWII, millions of deaths.....no good example, I fear.

## At The End Of The Day

Another strange day  
On one side I would be rather at home again now  
On the other side I look not really forward to be at home again  
Still four whole days in Matosinhos

I've some headache, but not much  
I'm still tired, but not exhausted  
I do not understand the United States  
It makes me cry

Not even wearing a mask?  
Not even two hundred thousand deaths?  
I feel like I would look at a relative, laying in a hospital bed  
And everybody would know, that there's no longer hope

It makes me feel sad  
But have no idea what I should do  
I feel helpless and hopeless  
*I'm in love with a dying man* - Ms. Grant sings

I'm in love with a dying nation - and I feel fucking bad!

## Wednesday

Wednesday - 1:03pm  
Not left the hotel so far  
Had breakfast  
Went to bed again

Not motivated to do anything  
Maybe I will have a walk somewhat later  
To buy me my today's salad  
But otherwise I'm not very motivated today

What the fuck is America doing  
Four years this country slept  
No one spoke it out clear and distinct  
You had years time to do so!

I fear that this election will become a disaster  
Who should believe anything after this election  
No matter what the "outcome" would be  
For years this nation screwed it up - for decades and centuries

And now?  
Let's hope the best  
Let's hope that it will have a good outcome  
But this is a weak basis for the future!

## Café

I sit in a café now  
Coffee and a mineral water  
2:23pm now  
Feel better

The last twenty-four hours I nearly slept only  
But this was good so  
But it's also good to be outside again  
Still colder today, not much sun

From tomorrow on it should be sunny again  
Walking in the park again, for hours, would be not bad  
Maybe I even manage it, to see the part of old Porto I missed the last time  
But I feel that it's time to return

Not because I like it no longer to be here  
The ocean is around the corner, no minute I would need  
This alone is reason enough to be here  
But I have to arrange some things

The next weeks will be hard for me  
Sitting in Portugal or Germany  
To see what happens in the States  
All seems to be so unreal

It's like in my youth, seeing an old "Deutsche Wochenschau" (German Newsreel)  
Asking yourself: Why this could happen?  
And now, looking at the States  
It's like, getting your answer

The worse thing is, that this immediately poses the question:  
Are we incapable to learn from history?  
You could argue: Well, these are the stupid and uneducated Americans, forget these rednecks!  
But what's with Poland and Hungary for instance and how the EU handles "this problem"?

I never felt it that way  
November the third and the time thereafter will be incising  
I fear it  
Even when Joe Biden will win

I fear the coming.....

## Yes, Dr. Fauci!

Yes, it's very good that you objected Rand Paul  
But again, I honor you, but why not from the beginning on  
Why not the president from the beginning on  
Dr. Birx becomes tired?

It's always the same story  
Why I said this early  
Show spoiled babies their limits  
But now it's too late

Now you only can hope!

## A Nice Evening

8:12pm

Sitting on a patio, had a black tea, now a Super Bock Stout  
Looking at the illuminated ships at the horizon  
Listening the waves' sound

Well, feel much better as in the morning  
Have written more than I thought  
Had again a salad day - okay, with some fine pastries  
Again one of this evenings that could last forever

Three days remaining  
I feel melancholic  
But hey, I will be back  
And it will be much more easy to keep this promise than the other

Robbie sings about too much life - well, the video.....  
I'm sure that I not understand  
*The fact that I can't deal* - Ms. Grant  
It's nice to hear the waves' sound, while drowning in music

## Naive?

Was in the mood  
Sent an email to AOC and Bernie Sanders  
Sure, they will not get it directly  
Especially the email to Bernie was to the website "Friends of Bernie Sanders"

But why not  
I still own my "Dark Blue Letter"  
Maybe I can deliver the letter personally one time  
No, it will never happen, but it's a nice thought

It's getting clear  
Half moon, Jupiter and Saturn, Mars still covered by clouds  
Tomorrow will be a sunny day  
I think I should have another black tea

It's a balmy night  
Still some time till today's upload  
I should close my eyes  
To lose myself in dreams

### **Breonna Taylor**

Should you be satisfied with this statement – wow, only one bullet was deadly, really!  
Hardly - or?  
Should you be angry?  
Would be understandable - or?

I ask myself  
How many bullets they fired?  
This nation is in deep trouble  
And do not complain if this becomes a bad night

It seems to me  
As every day and week  
There has to be a confirmation  
That this is a White nation with White rules

I do not get it, I cannot understand the United States, I cannot, I wanna not, and I feel ashamed.

### **Thursday**

Coffee and mineral water and the ocean in front of me  
The deep blue sea  
Should be around the sea for the last days  
I will miss the sight

I could sleep  
All around disappears  
Except "The Sexmachine"  
The hypnotizing rhythm

Time and time again  
All should end  
Was someone surprised by the violence last night  
Fine Joe, be a brave established Dem and tell them that violence is no solution

Thirty-two rounds – really? Even (black) neighbors were endangered, a pregnant woman, a child?  
You're right Joe, violence is no solution  
But violence creates violence  
And maybe the question still remains: What was the triggering act of violence?

Not sure with which story I should continue today  
I think I should have three cozy days now  
Drinking something, looking at the ocean  
I think a siesta later wouldn't be bad

The obligatory salad  
Pastry of course  
I wanna stay here  
But this makes no sense

I have scrutinized myself the last days  
And I'm not satisfied with me  
In no case  
But I have to return to draw consequences

But this is not the best timing  
Corona, the situation in the states, my parents, the job.....  
Everything so unclear, no solid ground for decisions  
Like drifting on an endless sea

But maybe this all is only trivial

### **Siesta Is Over**

Back in the café, looking at the ocean  
7:21pm already  
Have nothing written so far  
But I feel lazy

Wait till the sun sets  
I have my camera with me  
Made a few pictures  
Maybe we will have some nicely illuminated clouds later?

And now?  
Still enough time for some writing  
Soon I will be home again  
Then I no longer will hear the ocean's sound

Only in my sleep and dreams

## **Still**

Still in the café – Esplanada Titan  
9:47 pm now  
Had a wonderful cheese platter  
And have written something

Sit inside now  
A short thunderstorm with heavy rain  
Still time till upload  
Back to the hotel? A cocktail?

Let's see.....

## **Friday**

Again Esplanada Titan  
10:13 am – black tea  
The Ocean in front of me  
And a huge flock of seagulls is dozing on the beach - is this still a "flock"?

It's cloudy this morning and somewhat colder  
I should sit around here for a while  
Listening to the seagulls and the ocean  
Like the seagulls, dozing is a good thing to do at this time

Tomorrow my last day  
But it has to be  
And in the end  
This two weeks were very fruitful

Let's see what will be at home next week again  
Some spray now, that's not so nice  
Maybe I should sit inside  
But maybe I should still wait till it's over

The seagulls also waiting

## **It's Evening**

Esplanada Titan  
Well, inside  
Have made some pictures  
Sunset, the leaden, metallic, water

Will have dinner  
Will write something  
Tomorrow the last day  
Melancholic

But it has to be  
Will come back  
Hopefully in better shape and mood  
As soon as possible

The first week was very difficult  
The second week better  
The first half also not that good  
But the second half better now

Another week would be cool now  
But unfortunately.....  
Much will depend on  
What I will be able to implement at home

Two instructive weeks!

### **Really CNN?**

Have I heard something about a possible "New Civil War" on CNN  
Yeah, cool that you come aware of!  
Not to take it seriously enough is the biggest danger  
And that's why the GOP is so dangerous now!

Take a risk!  
Should Joe Biden win with a landslide win, okay!  
Maybe some will say later that you reacted exaggerated  
But if Joe Biden wins very narrow, or if not at all.....

But now I fear it's too late  
The voting has begun  
Most voters have made their decision already  
Why now beginning with debates and such things?

Let's hope the best  
The next weeks will be hard  
I've the feeling, that this will become the most determining weeks in my life  
I think they have to!

## **Saturday**

Last day  
Dozy day  
It's 4:08 pm already  
All I have done so far is to eat a salad and watch TV

Well, I have started to pack  
Had a walk to the supermarket  
Later I will go to the beach  
Maybe I will write something, maybe not

Tomorrow I will have plenty of time at the airport  
I will arrive late at home  
Depends on which train I can catch in Frankfurt  
Maybe I will be at home before midnight, but most probably not

This means possibly no upload tomorrow  
At least, most probably, an hour later or so  
Let me arrive at home, have a sleep, and then it's Monday  
I have to manage some things

I have to fetch the car back  
Was more expensive as hoped  
See when I have to work at Tuesday  
Dinner with my parents, sibling and brother-in-law later

Most probably not that much writing on Monday  
We will see  
But from Tuesday on  
I will be home again

Let's see, I'm not totally happy.....

## **Ocean**

Looking at the ocean  
6:26 pm  
It's raining lightly  
It's hazy

A hot black tea  
Best conditions to say goodbye  
Tomorrow I should have time for a last goodbye  
After breakfast, before driving to the airport

Today the president will announce his pick  
Will be no surprise  
Not that much motivated to write about the US today  
Maybe about what counts in life

## Portugal

Portugal had a hard time in the past decades, especially after the financial crisis of 2008 and the then following policy of savings. Today it's better again, but the country has for instance a relatively high unemployment rate, a low average income - at least compared with Germany. My income - average in Germany - would be a high income in Portugal. On the other hand many daily consumer goods are much cheaper than in Germany, not to talk about things like the typical coffee, a kind of espresso or mocha. In Germany, you pay at least more than the double, if not the triple, for such an "espresso" (0.70-1.00 € in Portugal, 1.70 till over 2.00 € in Germany). On the other hand, my black tea costs (nearly) the same as in Germany and clothes are really expensive - but maybe cheaper in a shopping mall. Where would I like it more to live?

Forget the ocean, this would be an unfair aspect, let's try to be fair. In Los Angeles and even in San Francisco - well, not the cafés in "Little Italy" - you hardly find a place, simply to sit down, some tables and chairs on the sidewalk, and have a cup of coffee or a tea, maybe a snack, sitting as long you wanna, read a book, the newspaper - this is totally un-American! Hectic, that's American! Better in London, at least in Paddington, forget the City of London!, but not really good - and Portugal? That's what I felt immediately at the first time I was there, time has another meaning. This is not meant naive or stupid, also here the people have to work, maybe more than in Germany, but they have more time!

Okay, I'm on vacation, but I'm also on vacation in Los Angeles, San Francisco or London. Everywhere here, at every corner a small café, a restaurant, sometimes only one table with two or three chairs on the sidewalk, but somebody sits there and has a coffee, this is a good sign! I think it would us Germans good, to be sometimes somewhat more relaxed.

I thought about it last time, to live here, if retired. Yes, the West Coast, more in the north - California is definitively too hot for me in Summer - Oregon, maybe even Washington? Portugal has a socialist government - shocking! The last years Portugal managed it to consolidate their finances, an increase in prosperity was the result - the socialists got nearly the overall majority! Looking out of the window, it's very hazy now, yes, I could imagine living here, after my retirement - why after? Well, I think the last ten years of my working life I can spend in Germany as well, but maybe I become a famous author.....

No, more and more it's obvious, I will be never able to make my living by writing, to have many readers, not to talk about Patrons. But it has something relaxing, to imagine, in ten years I would live here, would sit here again, looking at the ocean, writing. What would I write? Well, there's this election in the States.....and the States?

Yes, I could also imagine living in the States in ten years, why not in Portland. But would it be that easy as in Matosinhos? I fear not, the homicide rate in Portugal for instance, is only a fraction of the homicide rate of the United States - as in every European country. You see no guns here, not all the time murders in the news, no mass shootings! Portugal had its dictatorship, the United States.....? I'm torn, my mind would say Portugal, my heart? Well, my heart would love both, I'm torn. - I think I should order a dinner!

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Well, the dinner was fine and I think I have to mention at least one more topic - corona of course! The Portuguese have handled and handle the pandemic very good. They are even more consequent as the Germans, I feel very, very secure in Portugal - look at Boris the bigmouth, not to talk about the situation in the States! You see many on the streets here wearing a mask, even when the streets are empty and you have no problem with social distancing. I like it to be here, and sadly I have to leave tomorrow. But I will be back, and yes, I can very well imagine sitting at this place in ten years again, not walking back in the rain to the hotel later, but to my home. And hey, I can order some

things in Portuguese already, the rest will follow.

At the moment it rains very heavy, and I have only this small folding umbrella? But, so far I had olives in garlic, roasted sea bass and some cheese. Dessert, coffee and a final glass of Port are still missing - but it seems that this will be no short rain, looks like as I will become wet, till I reach the hotel - who cares!

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Okay, cheesecake and coffee were good, I will enjoy my Port now and then back to the hotel, of course it still rains heavily. 9:18 pm, still time till upload, maybe a walk in the rain? I would be in the mood.....

I feel sad that I will be back tomorrow again, but.....

I would like it very much at the moment to be ten years older, would I not know then, what has happened in the US after November the third? I would, and maybe this knowledge would make me very sad.....

## **Sunday**

Had breakfast

Last walk to the ocean

Now I have still time for the final preparations

Nothing new in TV

Will have time at the airport

As in Frankfurt

So, lets prepared

And leave

## **At The Airport**

I'm at the airport now

Needed long for check-in and customs

Long queues

Maybe because it's Sunday?

The airport in Frankfurt appeared very empty

And it was very empty

The airport here appears very busy

And in fact many people are here

Okay, Frankfurt is much lager

But the air traffic is also much larger, at least normally

But still I have three hours time

And maybe I can manage it to get WiFi

## **WiFi!**

Needed somewhat longer, but I'm online again  
I'm again connected with the world  
Not super-fast, but enough for me  
Now I would need a nice place to rest

Unfortunately not this nice ports with sockets here, like in Frankfurt  
And the cafés have limited places  
I should not occupy one longer as needed  
And I have still enough time

## **Porto Airport**

Walked around  
A whole part with gates is closed  
Found places with sockets and seats - obviously for the smartphone people  
Found places for free Internet - all closed down

Obviously they have concentrated as much as possible to the central part of the airport  
And even if also here every second seat is not to sit on  
Enough free seats are available  
It only seemed so busy at the beginning

But they have also reduced the staff at the customs and so  
Everything is more concentrated  
Two hours till boarding time  
I hate it to wear a mask all the time

I think about the staff in the hospitals  
I'm not sure if I could do this the whole day  
Not to talk about the mental burden  
I think I should have two relaxing hours now

Then I have to leave finally  
Well, still a fan of flying  
Even when it's no real long flight  
As the flights to Los Angeles

I miss them very much

## "German Bahn"

I sit in the final train back home  
As always, the way from Frankfurt back to Bad Friedrichshall is the most difficult  
Need longer than the flight from Porto to Frankfurt  
Delays, no good connections, the normal things

Now the last part  
Would have a coffee and thought I could write somewhat  
But hey, why it should function with the WiFi in the train  
It's a Regionalzug (local train)

Nevertheless, it should function  
And I get limited access  
Normally I should do some confirmation now  
But nothing happens

So, no Internet  
And I will be not home before midnight  
I'm not sure if I will be in the mood then, to upload the today written  
In any case it will become late

Would I have WiFi, I could upload something in the train  
But this is only theory  
Have written about it last year  
What Internet and WiFi matters is Portugal way ahead of Germany!

Wow, I could have WiFi all the times  
When we're in a station?  
Cool  
In between not!

I have to be patient  
In an hour or so, and I'm at home  
Let's see when the next station comes  
WiFi for two minutes

Well, this time it not functioned at the station  
This is sarcasm  
Sometimes it sucks in Germany, this high-tech nation!  
It was so easy with WiFi the last two weeks

And I had found a new place with a socket at last  
And the best place from last year gets only renovated  
I look forward to the next time in Portugal, in Matosinhos  
I hope in a better mood and condition then

At least with the knowledge what has happened  
November the third  
And the weeks thereafter  
It will be in any case after inauguration day

## **Back Home**

I'm back home  
0:41 am  
Right in time for the news from the States  
But this writing comes to an end now

Till the next travel  
Most likely not to the US  
But maybe to Matosinhos  
But for now this part is closed

## **Postscript**

The part "Travelin' Around" is finished, because I will not travel during the next days till election day.

Bad Friedrichshall, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020