

Today

Today, nothing bad happened.
No one I even vaguely knew
got sent to prison
for something
they did not do,
so I would have to stand
outside the court with a banner
protesting their innocence.

Today, nothing uncomfortable happened
none of the kids was sent home from school
for calling the teacher
a friggin' fool
or writing obscenities on the board
or making faces
or pulling Leila's hair or doing anything
they weren't supposed to do.

Today, nothing crazy happened
no one local said they'd seen
a little grey alien
reading a magazine
or reported a shower
of meteorites
or got abducted
by the powers of darkness.

Today, nothing good happened
I was not whisked away
from my kitchen sink
to a fancy restaurant
where I was offered a drink
of sparkling wine
that resembled champagne
or bought an expensive meal.

Tomorrow, something may happen.
Tonight the planets line up strange
full of portent and omens
signifying change
but tomorrow,
like as not
nothing bad
will happen.