

# Stay True To Your Crazy Ass Idea Of A Cooler World

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When I saw a girl with crazy hair  
and scuffed-up Doc Martens  
stopping traffic as she walked quickly  
across the busy boulevard,  
I like to think that she was on a  
mission to her best friend's house,  
or maybe meeting her bestie at  
a cafe, where they will work on  
writing lyrics for their first song,  
for their first punk album,  
with a band that doesn't exist yet.

And, maybe the reason why she  
looks wildly distracted is because  
she woke up humming a peculiar  
beat and she's preoccupied,  
humming as she strolls past the  
mid-day suits, trying not to forget  
how it went.

I like to think that an old Blondie  
song somehow popped up on her  
playlist a few weeks ago and  
she couldn't get it out of her head,  
playing it over and over until she  
took her hard-earned money and  
bought the vinyl album from a  
used record store in town.

I like to think that her tribe gets  
pissed off at ignorance and the

hate-filled news of the day and  
that their generation is accused  
of having no soul.

And maybe the day's politics  
make them want to scream  
from the rooftops, waking up  
the sleeping city with their raw  
energy, style, and words that pierce  
the pre-dawn light and reverberate  
off of the grey buildings below.

As they scrawl their fiery hopes  
and dreams into cheap notebooks,  
I hope they stay true to their  
crazy-ass ideas of a cooler world,  
and that they block out all the  
“practical” and “sensible” people  
when they tell them their  
music is way too loud, and  
that their ideas are too idealistic,  
cute, and naive.

I imagine their smiles,  
and the glow in their tired eyes,  
after too many cups of coffee,  
when they finish the last line  
of their first song, satisfied that  
they have created something  
that cannot be contained,  
something that once released  
will shake the foundations of  
the city and will make the  
sleepwalkers open their eyes,  
wake up, and be dazzled  
by a cooler world.

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***When The Practical World Tries To Pull  
Your Wildest Dreams Down To Earth***

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Go for your heart's innermost desire. Unleash it into the world. By doing so you unveil the most needed treasure for the multitudes who's hearts beat through the same desire system. Each beat is a prayer.

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