

Composition for 250 mg. Capsule in Yellow and Black

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Early that week a concert was announced. It was to be performed on a stage set up for the event in a field by the local high school. I had never heard of the performers but this is a small town. Everyone takes what comes.

That night, I drove to the field. Technicians in laboratory outfits were injecting people as they sat in their cars. It was an invisible drive-in. Both screen and what was projected unfolded on the seats of rows of cars parked in a silence broken only by the occasional clinking of laboratory glass and the discrete voices of administration.

Subsequent accounts of the performance convey a deep sense of shared experience. But they diverge at the level of detail. Some describe a massive crowd in an open-air setting; others an intimate event in a small dimly lit club. Some saw a trio, some a duo; some mention a horn section while others describe turntables.

I added my account to the network:

There was a deep sense of shared experience. My performance was sitting on a nearby hill looking through binoculars at a neighboring field filled with parked cars between which technicians in laboratory outfits moved. The silence was total except for the occasional clink of laboratory glass and the discrete voices of administration.

Sometime afterward, another appeared:

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