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I believe that not all books are equal.
I believe a book's cover *can* be used
to judge a book, but
I believe people cannot be judged, and
I believe first impressions are misleading.
I believe people are difficult and obscure.
I believe code is very sophisticated and confusing,
but only if you don't like math.
I believe math is a beautiful framework
of truths and elegance.
I believe I am losing my mind.
I believe minding schoolwork will make me
into a Holden-like character sometime
far in the future, when I will be old and unkind.
I believe that not all men are evil nor mean,
but they will always lie.
I believe lies are detrimental to your physical health.
I believe that health depends on how your
mindset is set up, but
I believe some things *are* impossible.
I believe infinity does exist.
I believe death is not silence,
not a lack of remembrance nor concern.
I believe life is simply a lucky circumstantial biological possibility.
I believe in science and evolution.
I believe bowling is not easier than schoolwork.
I believe sports are to the body as homework is to the mind.
I believe homework is not essential
unless you really want it to be.
I believe in wanting to work for Google, but
I believe monopolies do not last for long.
I believe government is an experiment,
testing people's reactions to different
people and different political candidates.
I believe if Donald Trump does win this election,
many people will move to Canada and
avoid the rude edicts he will have passed.

I believe moving means a new life,
a new school, and new connections.
I believe I have no best friend.
I believe favorites do not exist,
but merely slight inclinations towards
those that you agree with.
I believe I will not agree with you,
at some point or another.
I believe that at some time, we will all
encounter death.
I believe immortality is simply an idea
to play around with and fantasize
about, but nothing to consider seriously.
I believe seriousness is something
that too many youth avoid today.
I believe that in the world of today,
technology is the biggest productivity booster.
I believe productivity means work.
I believe more effort means more reward.
I believe in the American Dream.
I believe dreams are almost tangible,
realistic goals that people often overestimate.
I believe people often overestimate me.
I believe I am a realist.
I believe realism is when someone
asks, "Why should I?" before "Why not?"
I believe optimism is too often
our worst mistakes, miscalculations, misses.
I believe errors can be learned from.
I believe development and globalization
is the future of the international community, and
I believe cultural differences will cease
to be an issue of major importance in the future.
I believe the future can be changed by just one person.
I believe in the individual.
I believe this poem has gotten too long, and
I believe it has gotten too repetitive,
even if anaphora was part of the task.
I believe that tasks should be carried out,

rules followed, laws obeyed.
I believe in democracy, but
I believe a republic
often leads to mob mentality.
I believe rule by the majority did kill Socrates,
and that it has killed many others
through conflict and chaos.
I believe chaos and entropy reigns in the end,
as said by the Second Law of Thermodynamics.
I believe my binder is a chaotic mess.
I believe organization is important, but
I believe I am not determined enough.
I believe determination is increasingly lacking
when technology is ever more abundant.
I believe inverse relationships are very beautiful,
with mathematical limitations
and infinities
and curves
and many revelations along the way.
I believe my computer battery is about to run dry, and
I believe that I have left my charger downstairs.
I believe there is not much more time to write,
unless I muster up the courage
to walk down the stairs
and organize my binder.
I believe my life will end quietly.
I believe silence is but the *lack* of sound,
much as cold is the lack of heat.
I believe some things can only be described
when compared to their opposites.
I believe Nathaniel is correct when he says
our beliefs don't matter, and
I believe few will ever read this.
I believe pencils and erasers
are more influential than the tool I type on now, but
I believe I am too lazy.
I believe my demise will be of my own doing.
I believe that the uses of the Spanish future tense are rather confusing.
I believe that learning languages

is quite the mental exercise, but
I believe that my sister's statistics about it are incorrect.
I believe learning a second language is much harder
than a first, but
I believe that a third is easier than a second.
I believe that I am multilingual, fluent or learning in
English and Spanish and Chinese
and HTML and CSS and JS (and jQuery) and PHP
and SQL and JSON and Java and C and C++ and more.
I believe in technicalities, and
I believe that code *is* technically made up of languages, but
I believe that it is impossible to speak code,
impossible to make real the virtual world,
unrealistic to bring back the dead.
I believe that loss is a natural thing.
I believe that acceptance is the only remedy to grief.
I believe that apologies are one level,
but forgiveness is the next by a large threshold.
I believe that America is becoming more radical,
more violent, more crazy, but
I believe that we still are one people.
I believe that no terrorist, no anti-democratic ideology
can shake the mountain of a foundation
the Constitution rooted us into.
I believe that no one can move a mountain, but
I believe in dynamite.
I believe my battery is lasting longer than I thought it would, but
I believe that is probably because I got my charger.
I believe the first step is usually the hardest,
even in a journey of a thousand miles; but
I believe every step is the most painful
when it comes to cross country.
I believe that boys are far more athletic, but
I believe that girls are getting the edge on academics.
I believe that awards and records
are simply numbers waiting to be broken.
I believe that forever and never
come quicker than you might imagine.
I believe that my conscience is starting to slip

as school crams more and more into
this brain of mine.

I believe springtime is just
a defined quarter of the calendar.

I believe February is the time
for raging snowstorms, falling branches,
and a day of love.

I believe Valentine's Day is too
artificial, insincere, unreal.

I believe prom is an enterprise too expensive,
breaking too many piggy banks,
hearts, and puppy-love dreams.

I believe my beliefs are no great matter
when others oppose me in a
majority-dominated society.

I believe I would hate being a political leader.

I believe my father would be,
if he somehow got around to it,
a terrible leader.

I believe street-smarts are more important
in the grand scheme of life, but

I believe I lack any intelligence outside of school.

I believe common sense
is less and less common nowadays.

I believe that the true intelligence we humans have
is diminishing as a whole.

I believe our entire technology infrastructure
is a time bomb waiting to collapse.

I believe a global catastrophe would not fare well, but

I believe solving problems are
the only way for us to improve and expand.

I believe learning is a matter of attitude.

I believe work is only work if you don't enjoy it.

I believe passion is the only true motivator,
the only one to pull you by the cuff
and yell at you to get working, but in a way
that you somehow enjoy.

I believe creativity is fostered
not by force, but by passion and want.

I believe math is easier than science,
science more interesting than Spanish,
spanish slower than American government,
American government less creative than English.
I believe Dylan is telling me to stop writing now because
I believe this assignment was only supposed to be a page.
I believe long poems would be
more meaningful had they been written in prose, but
I believe that repetition and parallelism
add purpose to a poem.
I believe pattern recognition separates us
from other non-sentient beings.
I believe trees cannot feel, but
I believe cutting trees past our demand
is a war against nature that will
only result in the loss of one or both of us.
I believe time is the only constant.
I believe time speeds up when you're having fun,
but it doesn't slow down when you're not.
I believe test taking is quite the challenge,
but only so because of time.
I believe it's only a matter of time
before China and India surpass our economy,
their people not taking everything for granted.
I believe gratefulness and thankfulness is sometimes
the only thing that roots us in reality.
I believe many of us don't understand the true
comforts we live in today.
I believe today is a time of opportunity, of
competition and attitude.
I believe my life is all built upon a trampoline,
a safety net of people who care
to guide and save me.
I believe many people do not feel
the same way as I do, and I feel sorry for them.
I believe I'm getting bored of this poem.
I believe I have not reached my eight-page goal, but
I believe that I'm done writing this poem now.