

it does not have to be phaedra and her betrayal
 or juliet and her journey in fervor
a wordy cheshire cat
 or ahab with his harpoon and whale
a stones concert with leather and smoke
 or a processional at easter mass.
it does not have to be a dylan thomas coloring book
 or a book of convenient quotations
a lengthy freudian comedy
 or a drunken street scene
a french duelist with one hand in the air
 or a burning bush in a desert nation.
it does not have to be a verse in solomon and his song of songs
 or a plot devised by morgan le fay
a religious moment in the reformation
 or dialogue in a tennessee wiliams play
a victorian lecturing in a medical dissection
 or the precise count of angels on the head of a pin.

but most of all... most of all
it does not have to be
day after goddamn day.

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