

# Michael Penn, Free Time

I won't ever get used to this  
A blank spot  
temptations  
do resist.  
The other shoe will drop  
just an aftershock  
Nice hat; you look like a referee  
Nice watch; but why are you timing me?  
Its spring has come unwound  
I was not out of bounds  
This is not out  
I drew that line  
when I was handed free time.

Bells clang  
I guess it's a holiday  
Did that rhyme?  
Shit! I'm a poet now.  
So give me stuff for free  
and if I do somehow  
into the soft whites  
of beautiful lies  
stare down  
stare  
I don't apologize  
I've never been the kind  
to close an open mind  
so leave behind all that extra free time.

Picked a lock and hopped some fences  
that won't do  
Burning these = a bad example  
finding out = a Roman candle

If I'm pale, it doesn't mean something's wrong  
If I'm blue, I just held my breath too long  
So if you wouldn't mind  
just do the deal and I'll be real sublime  
when I get all your free time.