

Nerd Wisdom

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Happiness is a blue police box,
a consulting detective,
a '67 Chevy Impala.
It's owning the high score in *Guitar Hero*.
It tastes like Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans
and sounds like the *Lion King* soundtrack.
Happiness doesn't care,
doesn't put up fronts.
It jumps up and down
when the new season of *Doctor Who* premieres.
It reads *Homestuck* and *The Avengers*
and stays up all night
on XBOX Live
playing *Left4Dead*.

Happiness doesn't notice brand names and price tags.
It likes the rips in its band tees
and the frays in its double XL hoodie.
It doesn't mind the scuffs on its worn-out Converse
or the fact its friends wrote "The Game" all over them.
It ignores labels.
It does what it wants.
Happiness lives.