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NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:02.214 And thank you all for joining us on this

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00:00:02.214 --> 00:00:03.739 wonderfully sunny, warm spring day.

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00:00:03.739 --> 00:00:07.047 I hope you all had a very nice long weekend,

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00:00:07.047 --> 00:00:08.882 and it's a pleasure to

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00:00:08.882 --> 00:00:10.920 welcome you to Grand Rounds.

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00:00:10.920 --> 00:00:12.957 And just as usual, we'll have a

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00:00:12.957 --> 00:00:15.079 little preview of next week's speaker.

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00:00:15.080 --> 00:00:17.114 So next week we'll welcome Doctor

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00:00:17.114 --> 00:00:18.937 Henick Tmar and from Harvard

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00:00:18.937 --> 00:00:21.355 University to the Child Study Center.

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00:00:21.360 --> 00:00:22.354 So as many of you all know,

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00:00:22.360 --> 00:00:25.360 Doctor Tmar helped set up the

NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:25.360 --> 00:00:27.840 Generation Rotterdam cohort

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00:00:27.840 --> 00:00:29.428 and has published extensively.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:29.428 --> 00:00:31.810 On looking at the perinatal and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:31.882 --> 00:00:34.612 early life and contributors to child  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:34.612 --> 00:00:36.432 health and development integrating  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:36.501 --> 00:00:38.806 genomic methods and imaging methods.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:38.810 --> 00:00:40.791 So please do join us in person  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:40.791 --> 00:00:42.380 for his presentation next week  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:42.380 --> 00:00:44.414 and of course we'll make the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:44.414 --> 00:00:45.928 presentation available via Zoom also.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:45.930 --> 00:00:47.449 And now bringing us to today's speaker,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:47.450 --> 00:00:49.652 it's our pleasure to welcome back  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:49.652 --> 00:00:52.369 to Yale and Doctor Steven Vine who  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:52.369 --> 00:00:53.965 completed his residency fellowship  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:53.965 --> 00:00:56.825 and he was a faculty member here  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:56.825 --> 00:00:58.805 at Newhay at Yale University.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:00:58.810 --> 00:01:00.034 Now Doctor Vine could.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:00.034 --> 00:01:01.564 We have many presentations today.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:01.570 --> 00:01:02.036 In fact,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:02.036 --> 00:01:03.900 we'll probably have to have him back to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:03.953 --> 00:01:05.849 talk about his really interesting work,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:05.850 --> 00:01:08.000 looking about looking at rehabilitation  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:08.000 --> 00:01:10.150 and reintegration of women and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:10.211 --> 00:01:12.095 children who've experienced an  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:12.095 --> 00:01:14.450 extremist context and violent context,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:14.450 --> 00:01:18.170 working in Kazakhstan, Kosovo and Jordan,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:18.170 --> 00:01:19.199 amongst other countries.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:19.199 --> 00:01:21.600 And we could hear about his work  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:21.665 --> 00:01:22.928 on medical education,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:22.930 --> 00:01:24.734 developing curricula for global  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:24.734 --> 00:01:26.538 health for medical students.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909  
00:01:26.540 --> 00:01:27.618 But today we're going to hear a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:27.618 --> 00:01:28.699 little bit of a different talk,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:28.700 --> 00:01:33.222 fascinating talk about his under his  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:33.222 --> 00:01:35.127 relationship with Allen Ginsberg and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:35.127 --> 00:01:37.687 looking at the role of mental illness  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:37.687 --> 00:01:40.168 and on the creative process for one  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:40.168 --> 00:01:42.490 of the most celebrated and perhaps  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:42.490 --> 00:01:44.608 controversial and poets of his generation.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:44.608 --> 00:01:47.060 And so please join me in welcoming Dr.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.942083419090909

00:01:47.060 --> 00:01:48.775 Wine to at the Child Study Center.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.64150953

00:01:56.460 --> 00:01:56.940 Thanks very much.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:03.210 --> 00:02:04.380 Thanks. Hello everybody.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:04.380 --> 00:02:06.330 Thanks for coming out today.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:06.330 --> 00:02:09.886 Hi, Linda, nice to see you again.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:09.890 --> 00:02:13.694 So I'd like to dedicate this talk  
NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:13.694 --> 00:02:15.890 to the memory of Donald Cohen,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:15.890 --> 00:02:18.018 legendary teacher and researcher,

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:18.018 --> 00:02:20.678 clinician leader in child mental

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:20.678 --> 00:02:23.039 health and it's really a great.

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:23.040 --> 00:02:25.440 Honor for me to be able to present

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:25.440 --> 00:02:27.679 this work to this community here.

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:27.680 --> 00:02:30.128 I also want to thank the Department of

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:30.128 --> 00:02:32.055 Psychiatry for giving me the Seymour

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:32.055 --> 00:02:35.400 Lustman Award in 1989 for work on Ginsburg

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:35.400 --> 00:02:38.958 and other friends who have support.

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00:02:38.960 --> 00:02:40.796 Friends and teachers who supported me

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:40.796 --> 00:02:44.288 along the way, including Daniel Levinson,

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:44.288 --> 00:02:47.666 Ira Levine, Donald Faulkner,

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:47.666 --> 00:02:50.998 Tamra Razzi, Nancy Olson.

NOTE Confidence: 0.954090775

00:02:51.000 --> 00:02:52.320 And her cat, Billy Blake.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:02:55.240 --> 00:02:58.078 So there's I'm supposed to give,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:02:58.080 --> 00:02:58.944 like, a warning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:02:58.944 --> 00:03:00.672 There's some profanity in this talk.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:00.680 --> 00:03:03.676 We're going to listen to Allen Ginsberg  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:03.676 --> 00:03:06.720 read some poems and one of the slides.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:06.720 --> 00:03:08.080 There's some audio on video.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:08.080 --> 00:03:09.200 One of them's a little bit loud,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:09.200 --> 00:03:12.476 I'll warn you when that comes.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:12.480 --> 00:03:15.984 There's also some controversy in the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:15.984 --> 00:03:19.529 air about Allen concerning some issues.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:19.530 --> 00:03:20.703 Related to children,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:20.703 --> 00:03:23.049 and I'll I'll mention that briefly,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:23.050 --> 00:03:24.274 but I'm prepared to talk a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:24.274 --> 00:03:25.908 lot about it if if one of you  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608171666667

00:03:25.908 --> 00:03:27.048 wants to ask me about it.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:29.530 --> 00:03:31.330 So like many of you,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:31.330 --> 00:03:35.194 I'm attuned to the issue of a potentially  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:35.194 --> 00:03:37.952 damaging impact of adversity and

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:37.952 --> 00:03:42.230 trauma during childhood and how.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:42.230 --> 00:03:44.354 Adults, young adults,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:44.354 --> 00:03:48.602 teenagers somehow managed to find meaning

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:48.602 --> 00:03:52.014 and strength in those experiences and

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:52.014 --> 00:03:54.630 help them get through those experiences.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:54.630 --> 00:03:56.508 Today, I'm going to talk about

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:56.510 --> 00:03:58.910 the Beat poet Allen Ginsberg,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:03:58.910 --> 00:04:01.376 and who Allen Ginsberg suffered because

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:01.376 --> 00:04:04.070 of his mother's serious mental illness,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:04.070 --> 00:04:06.125 her prolonged confinement,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:06.125 --> 00:04:09.550 and her injurious psychiatric treatments.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:09.550 --> 00:04:11.950 That those also led to Allen's

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:11.950 --> 00:04:14.358 own mental health struggles and

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:14.358 --> 00:04:15.830 psychiatric hospitalization.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:15.830 --> 00:04:17.550 However, instead of being

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:17.550 --> 00:04:19.270 crushed by these experiences,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:19.270 --> 00:04:22.096 he found a way to transform  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:22.096 --> 00:04:24.606 them into poetry and advocacy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:24.606 --> 00:04:27.346 Now, how poetry is written,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:27.350 --> 00:04:29.150 you know, is really a mystery.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:29.150 --> 00:04:31.643 But I tried to get as close as I  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:31.643 --> 00:04:34.101 could to seeing the path that he  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:34.101 --> 00:04:36.459 traveled and the work that he did.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:36.460 --> 00:04:38.012 Especially earlier in his  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:38.012 --> 00:04:40.340 writing career and in his life,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:40.340 --> 00:04:42.139 and how he got to his masterpieces,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:42.140 --> 00:04:44.459 Howell and Cottish,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:44.460 --> 00:04:46.746 I was very fortunate to be  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:46.746 --> 00:04:48.765 Privy to materials that hadn't  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:48.765 --> 00:04:50.860 been seen by anybody else,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:50.860 --> 00:04:53.818 which Allen himself gave to me,



NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:53.820 --> 00:04:56.389 and that allowed me to develop a

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:56.389 --> 00:04:58.029 more accurate and comprehensive

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:04:58.029 --> 00:05:01.263 picture than exists in any of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:05:01.263 --> 00:05:03.700 three published biographies or in

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:05:03.700 --> 00:05:06.085 the critical writings on Ginsburg.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:05:06.090 --> 00:05:09.138 This includes a perspective on some

NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:05:09.138 --> 00:05:12.050 important flaws of Allen as a person.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:14.530 --> 00:05:17.022 I also got a more complete picture

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:17.022 --> 00:05:18.874 of Naomi Ginsberg, his mother.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:18.874 --> 00:05:22.476 This is an image of Naomi and her son,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:22.476 --> 00:05:24.806 other son Eugene, Allen's brother,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:24.810 --> 00:05:27.725 who's an attorney, taken in 1950.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:27.725 --> 00:05:31.055 Six a week before she died

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:31.060 --> 00:05:33.300 outside of Pilgrim State Hospital,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:33.300 --> 00:05:36.054 this image was given to me by Lyle Brooks,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:36.060 --> 00:05:40.092 the son of Eugene, who lives in New York.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:40.100 --> 00:05:45.722 And so Naomi was amongst the cohort of

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:45.722 --> 00:05:48.635 people who disappeared into state mental

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:48.635 --> 00:05:51.511 hospitals in the 1940s and 50s without any

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:51.511 --> 00:05:54.907 hope of of getting better or getting out.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:54.910 --> 00:05:56.790 And I was also able in my research,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:56.790 --> 00:05:59.806 to travel back in time to an earlier

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:05:59.806 --> 00:06:03.063 era of psychiatry in the 1940s and

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:03.063 --> 00:06:05.510 1950s and to understand, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:05.510 --> 00:06:08.102 both the the successes and the

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:08.102 --> 00:06:10.418 challenges and the tragedies of

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:10.418 --> 00:06:12.466 psychiatric treatment back then.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:12.470 --> 00:06:13.352 So in 1986,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:13.352 --> 00:06:16.058 this all began when I was a medical

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:16.058 --> 00:06:18.862 student at Columbia University and I

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:18.862 --> 00:06:21.310 wrote a letter to Alan out of the blue,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:21.310 --> 00:06:23.630 and he called me a few days later.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:23.630 --> 00:06:25.170 And we became friends,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:25.170 --> 00:06:28.150 and he gave me access to his

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:28.150 --> 00:06:30.506 psychiatric records at Columbia,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:30.510 --> 00:06:32.410 to his mother's psychiatric

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:32.410 --> 00:06:34.785 records and to his archives,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:34.790 --> 00:06:36.900 which at that time we're

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:36.900 --> 00:06:38.588 not at Stanford University.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:38.590 --> 00:06:42.518 And all of this culminated in best minds

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:42.518 --> 00:06:46.710 in the book that has just come out.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:46.710 --> 00:06:48.918 So let's begin with.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:48.918 --> 00:06:52.230 The poem Cottish for Naomi Ginsburg,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:52.230 --> 00:06:56.414 which was published in 1962 and is

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:56.414 --> 00:06:59.342 considered to be his greatest masterpiece.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:06:59.350 --> 00:07:03.910 So he began writing this poem in Paris

NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:03.910 --> 00:07:06.786 following Naomi's death and then he  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:06.786 --> 00:07:09.390 completed the writing in a 40 hour  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:09.473 --> 00:07:12.707 marathon writing session on East 2nd St.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:12.710 --> 00:07:17.426 and at which time he said the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:17.426 --> 00:07:20.139 poem burst from my hand in a day.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:20.140 --> 00:07:21.976 Cottage is a really long poem.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:21.980 --> 00:07:23.066 It's 36 pages.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:23.066 --> 00:07:25.238 It takes a couple hours to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:25.238 --> 00:07:26.940 read the whole thing.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.904576026

00:07:26.940 --> 00:07:29.420 But I want to play you an excerpt.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:42.120 --> 00:07:43.800 Actually, you know what I'm going to do?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:43.800 --> 00:07:44.480 Take that. I'm going to,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:44.480 --> 00:07:46.559 I'm going to read something 1st and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:46.560 --> 00:07:48.040 then I'm going to play you an excerpt.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:48.040 --> 00:07:50.476 So in part one of Howell,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:50.480 --> 00:07:54.520 Alan is walking on the Lower East Side

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:54.520 --> 00:07:56.840 and he's following Naomi's footsteps,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:56.840 --> 00:07:58.980 and here's what he says.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:07:58.980 --> 00:08:01.220 As I walked towards the Lower East Side,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:01.220 --> 00:08:02.936 where you walked fifty years ago,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:02.940 --> 00:08:05.496 Little girl from Russia eating the

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:05.496 --> 00:08:07.820 first poisonous tomatoes of America,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:07.820 --> 00:08:09.136 frightened on the dock,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:09.136 --> 00:08:11.819 then struggling in the crowds of Orchard St.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:11.820 --> 00:08:14.104 Towards what? Towards Newark?

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:14.104 --> 00:08:15.817 Toward Candy Store?

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:15.820 --> 00:08:18.418 First homemade sodas of the century?

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:18.420 --> 00:08:21.374 Hand churned ice cream in backroom on

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:21.374 --> 00:08:24.922 musty brown floor boards toward education.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:24.922 --> 00:08:28.406 Marriage, nervous breakdown operation,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:28.410 --> 00:08:29.194 teaching school,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:29.194 --> 00:08:32.330 and learning to be mad in a dream.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:32.330 --> 00:08:35.570 What is this life?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:35.570 --> 00:08:38.594 This elegy Kaddish told the story of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:38.594 --> 00:08:41.929 Naomi's life and madness in great detail,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:41.930 --> 00:08:44.930 and it showed how modernity nearly  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:44.930 --> 00:08:48.034 murdered a woman's soul and that of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:48.034 --> 00:08:50.355 her son and his Ginsburg's use of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:50.355 --> 00:08:52.888 the long line in this poem is very,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:52.890 --> 00:08:53.790 very striking.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:53.790 --> 00:08:56.490 And there's a really interesting kind  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:56.490 --> 00:08:59.340 of stop start rhythm to the poem,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:08:59.340 --> 00:09:01.170 which draws from many different  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:01.170 --> 00:09:03.620 sources that Allen had took taken in,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:03.620 --> 00:09:06.260 including Thelonious Monks music that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:06.260 --> 00:09:10.870 he was listening to to Ray Charles,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:10.870 --> 00:09:14.070 to to the the cottish prayer and

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:14.070 --> 00:09:16.580 and other sources and cottish bore

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:16.580 --> 00:09:19.660 witness to a world soulful of crises,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:19.660 --> 00:09:21.648 trauma and contradiction that

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:21.648 --> 00:09:24.133 it drove an innocent young.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:24.140 --> 00:09:27.700 Immigrant woman who is his mother to madness.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:27.700 --> 00:09:31.032 It really gave birth to the idea

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:31.032 --> 00:09:34.539 of madness as a social diagnosis,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:34.540 --> 00:09:38.168 which later became picked up by Rd.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:38.168 --> 00:09:38.796 Lang.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:38.796 --> 00:09:41.936 In developing his whole theory,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:41.940 --> 00:09:44.064 Cottage said things about madness that

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:44.064 --> 00:09:46.588 had never been said before in public.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:46.590 --> 00:09:48.670 Documenting its destructive potential,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:48.670 --> 00:09:51.270 but also finding alongside passion,

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:51.270 --> 00:09:53.510 love, spirit and insight.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938995675

00:09:53.510 --> 00:09:57.110 Now we'll listen to a little part of it.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:10:00.470 --> 00:10:04.590 Oh glorious muse that bore me from the womb,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.88102232

00:10:04.590 --> 00:10:06.990 gave suck first Mystic life,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.88102232

00:10:06.990 --> 00:10:09.906 and taught me talk and music.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.88102232

00:10:09.910 --> 00:10:13.470 From whose pain had I first took vision,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.88102232

00:10:13.470 --> 00:10:16.290 Tortured and beaten in the skull?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.88102232

00:10:16.290 --> 00:10:19.405 What mad hallucinations of the dam that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.88102232

00:10:19.405 --> 00:10:23.041 drive me out of my own skull of the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.88102232

00:10:23.041 --> 00:10:25.846 Zeke Eternity till I find peace for  
NOTE Confidence: 0.88102232

00:10:25.846 --> 00:10:30.330 the old poetry and for all mankind so  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87383278

00:10:30.330 --> 00:10:31.890 that you could hear there.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87383278

00:10:31.890 --> 00:10:34.767 Alan is saying that he's taking his  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87383278

00:10:34.767 --> 00:10:37.702 mother Naomi as his muse and being  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87383278

00:10:37.702 --> 00:10:40.490 inspired by by her whole experience  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92954137777778

00:10:43.410 --> 00:10:44.790 and. Pat, what's really  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92954137777778

00:10:44.790 --> 00:10:46.515 interesting to me about cottage?



NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:10:46.520 --> 00:10:49.516 I think it must be one of the earliest

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:10:49.516 --> 00:10:51.730 and most compelling first person family

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:10:51.801 --> 00:10:54.116 narratives of serious mental illness.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:10:54.120 --> 00:10:56.584 And I think it taught a whole generation

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:10:56.584 --> 00:10:58.875 of people how to commit to mourning

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:10:58.875 --> 00:11:01.339 and how to reckon with family illness

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:01.339 --> 00:11:03.838 and death on a whole new level.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:03.840 --> 00:11:06.640 And it expresses open heartedness

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:06.640 --> 00:11:09.930 to a mentally illloved 1.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:09.930 --> 00:11:12.392 And in doing so, at the time 1961,

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:12.392 --> 00:11:14.834 I think it is a way in which it might

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:14.834 --> 00:11:17.274 be even more revolutionary than Howl,

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:17.274 --> 00:11:19.986 which which was all about solidarity

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:19.986 --> 00:11:23.328 with a mad flock of of of brothers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:23.330 --> 00:11:25.087 This is very much about a woman,

NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:25.090 --> 00:11:25.993 a woman's story,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:25.993 --> 00:11:28.100 a woman who experienced a lot of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.929541377777778

00:11:28.161 --> 00:11:29.690 trauma and adversity in her life,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92012674

00:11:31.970 --> 00:11:32.530 so.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.950317

00:11:35.570 --> 00:11:36.890 Let's now lost  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93773775

00:11:36.890 --> 00:11:38.170 in grace down word,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:38.330 --> 00:11:40.130 let's just listen to a few  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:40.130 --> 00:11:41.330 more words from Kottish.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:41.330 --> 00:11:43.129 This is from Part 2 of Kottish,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:43.130 --> 00:11:45.902 which is 13 pages, which really  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:45.902 --> 00:11:48.755 tells the story of Naomi's mental  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:48.755 --> 00:11:50.610 illness and its impact on the family.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:50.610 --> 00:11:53.249 And I'll just play a short excerpt.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:53.250 --> 00:11:55.854 This was written Allen reading it  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:55.854 --> 00:11:58.840 in 1995 at the Knitting Factory.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566

00:11:58.840 --> 00:12:00.674 In the East Village in New York,

NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566  
00:12:00.680 --> 00:12:03.760 where he was preparing for an MTV special,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566  
00:12:03.760 --> 00:12:05.664 that never happened because  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566  
00:12:05.664 --> 00:12:08.520 he got liver cancer and died.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.924697566  
00:12:08.520 --> 00:12:10.200 But this was like the rehearsal tape,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.952553311111111  
00:12:10.760 --> 00:12:15.051 new shock for her electricity following the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.952553311111111  
00:12:15.051 --> 00:12:18.116 40 insulin and Metrosol had made her fat,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:20.600 --> 00:12:22.496 so that a few years later  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:22.496 --> 00:12:24.160 she came home again.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:24.160 --> 00:12:26.120 We'd much advanced and planned.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:26.120 --> 00:12:27.920 I waited for that day.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:27.920 --> 00:12:30.476 My mother again to cook and play the piano,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:30.480 --> 00:12:33.077 sing at mandolin lung Stew and Stanka  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:33.077 --> 00:12:35.850 Razen and the communist line on the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:35.850 --> 00:12:38.548 war with Finland and Louie in debt,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268  
00:12:38.548 --> 00:12:40.433 suspected to be poisoned money,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:40.440 --> 00:12:43.320 mysterious capitalisms,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:43.320 --> 00:12:44.658 and walked down the long front  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:44.658 --> 00:12:46.239 hall and looked at the furniture.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:46.240 --> 00:12:48.120 She never remembered it all.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:48.120 --> 00:12:50.420 Some amnesia examined the doilies  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:50.420 --> 00:12:53.654 and the dining room set was sold  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:53.654 --> 00:12:56.198 the mahogany table 20 years love.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:56.200 --> 00:12:58.000 Gone to the junk Man.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:58.000 --> 00:12:59.848 We still had the piano in the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:12:59.848 --> 00:13:01.899 book of Poe and the mandolin  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:01.899 --> 00:13:03.874 though needed some string dusty.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:03.880 --> 00:13:05.496 She went to the bedroom to lay down  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:05.496 --> 00:13:07.340 in bed and ruminate or nap, hide.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:07.340 --> 00:13:11.040 I went in with her, not leave her by herself.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:11.040 --> 00:13:13.385 Lay in bed next to her shades  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:13.385 --> 00:13:15.333 pulled dusky late afternoon Louie

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:15.333 --> 00:13:17.943 in front room at desk waiting

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:17.943 --> 00:13:20.238 perhaps boiling chicken for supper.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:20.240 --> 00:13:21.200 Don't be afraid of me,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:21.200 --> 00:13:22.520 because I'm just coming back

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:22.520 --> 00:13:23.840 home from the mental hospital.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:23.840 --> 00:13:27.536 I'm your mother. Poor love lost a fear.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:27.540 --> 00:13:29.966 I lay there, said I love you, Naomi.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:29.966 --> 00:13:34.324 Stiff next to her arm. I would have cried.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:34.324 --> 00:13:37.060 Was this the comfortless lone union?

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:37.060 --> 00:13:37.424 Nervous.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:37.424 --> 00:13:40.700 And she got up soon Was she ever satisfied,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:40.700 --> 00:13:42.695 and by herself sat on the new

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:42.695 --> 00:13:44.579 couch by the front windows,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:44.580 --> 00:13:47.700 uneasy cheek leaning on her hand,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:47.700 --> 00:13:50.976 narrowing eye at what fate that day,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:50.980 --> 00:13:52.936 picking her tooth with her nail,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:52.940 --> 00:13:55.860 lips formed an O. Suspicion.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:55.860 --> 00:13:57.832 Thoughts. Old, worn vagina.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:13:57.832 --> 00:14:00.297 Absent side glance of eye.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:00.300 --> 00:14:03.116 Some evil debt written in the wall,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:03.116 --> 00:14:05.276 unpaid and the aged breasts  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:05.276 --> 00:14:07.100 of Newark come near.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:07.100 --> 00:14:08.780 May have heard radio gossip.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:08.780 --> 00:14:10.418 Threw the wires in her head,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:10.420 --> 00:14:12.000 controlled by three big sticks  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:12.000 --> 00:14:14.529 left in her back by gangsters in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:14.529 --> 00:14:16.297 amnesia through the hospital.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:16.300 --> 00:14:18.060 Caused pain between her shoulders,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:18.060 --> 00:14:19.110 into her head.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:19.110 --> 00:14:21.670 Roosevelt should know her case, she told me.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:21.670 --> 00:14:23.560 Afraid to kill her now that the

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:23.631 --> 00:14:25.167 government knew their names

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:25.167 --> 00:14:26.703 traced back to Hitler.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:26.710 --> 00:14:30.706 Wanted to leave Louie's house forever.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:30.710 --> 00:14:32.234 One night. Sudden attack.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:32.234 --> 00:14:34.139 Her noise in the bathroom

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:34.139 --> 00:14:36.030 like croaking up her soul.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:36.030 --> 00:14:37.290 Convulsions and red vomit

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:37.290 --> 00:14:38.865 coming out of her mouth.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:38.870 --> 00:14:39.256 Diarrhea,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:39.256 --> 00:14:41.186 water exploding from her behind

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:41.186 --> 00:14:43.550 on all fours in the toilet.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:43.550 --> 00:14:45.510 Urine running between her legs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:45.510 --> 00:14:47.868 Left retching on the tile floor,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:47.870 --> 00:14:50.912 smeared with her black feces, unfainted.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:50.912 --> 00:14:53.960 At 40, varicose, nude,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:53.960 --> 00:14:54.740 fat, doomed,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:54.740 --> 00:14:56.690 hiding outside the apartment door  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:56.690 --> 00:14:58.839 near the elevator calling police,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:14:58.840 --> 00:15:01.916 yelling for her girlfriend Rose to help,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:15:01.920 --> 00:15:04.760 once locked herself in with razor and iodine,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:15:04.760 --> 00:15:07.118 could hear her cough in tears at the sink,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:15:07.120 --> 00:15:08.670 Lou broke through the glass  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:15:08.670 --> 00:15:09.600 green painted door.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:15:09.600 --> 00:15:11.560 We pulled her out to the bedroom.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:15:11.560 --> 00:15:14.235 Then quiet for months that winter  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:15:14.235 --> 00:15:16.760 walks alone nearby on Broadway,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9201268

00:15:16.760 --> 00:15:18.280 Red Daily Worker broke her.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92956134375

00:15:20.220 --> 00:15:22.188 So I I played that so that you  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92956134375

00:15:22.188 --> 00:15:24.539 get a sense of the poetry of it,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92956134375

00:15:24.540 --> 00:15:26.040 but also what Alan,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92956134375

00:15:26.040 --> 00:15:28.232 as a young boy, experienced.



NOTE Confidence: 0.92956134375

00:15:28.232 --> 00:15:31.692 He was basically the family

NOTE Confidence: 0.92956134375

00:15:31.692 --> 00:15:34.460 caregiver for for Naomi.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92956134375

00:15:34.460 --> 00:15:36.380 So let's talk about Naomi,

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:15:43.210 --> 00:15:48.386 OK? She was born in 1896 in the Jewish

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:15:48.386 --> 00:15:52.130 Pale between Saint Petersburg and Odessa.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:15:52.130 --> 00:15:54.196 She came with her family to New York.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:15:54.196 --> 00:15:57.340 They had a candy shop on Orchard Street.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:15:57.340 --> 00:15:58.817 I gave a reading on Orchard St.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:15:58.820 --> 00:16:02.537 a few steps away from that two weeks ago.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:02.540 --> 00:16:06.536 One major discovery of my research

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:06.540 --> 00:16:10.818 was that Naomi was sexually molested

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:10.820 --> 00:16:13.876 by a female cousin and by a male

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:13.876 --> 00:16:16.379 border at ages 5-6 and nine,

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:16.380 --> 00:16:19.978 which neither Alan nor anyone else knew.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:19.980 --> 00:16:21.534 And this is the first time I've

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:21.534 --> 00:16:24.010 said it in public.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:24.010 --> 00:16:26.848 The family eventually moved to Newark,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:26.850 --> 00:16:28.995 NJ, where Naomi attended grammar  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:28.995 --> 00:16:31.690 school and then Barringer High School.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:31.690 --> 00:16:33.178 Then, at age 18,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:33.178 --> 00:16:35.410 she had her first nervous breakdown,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:35.410 --> 00:16:38.805 but she recovered. She became a teacher.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:38.810 --> 00:16:41.288 She met and married Louis Ginsburg.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:41.290 --> 00:16:43.129 There he is,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:43.130 --> 00:16:46.042 and she didn't get admitted to the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:46.042 --> 00:16:48.128 psychiatric hospital till she was 35,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:48.130 --> 00:16:49.966 her first admission.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:49.966 --> 00:16:52.886 Was at Bloomingdale's Hospital and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:52.886 --> 00:16:56.036 then she had multiple several many  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:56.036 --> 00:16:59.703 year several year admissions and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:16:59.703 --> 00:17:02.121 during these this time Allen was

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:02.121 --> 00:17:04.008 her principal caregiver and Allen

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:04.008 --> 00:17:06.424 would also ride the bus to go visit

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:06.498 --> 00:17:09.940 her in all of these hospitals.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:09.940 --> 00:17:15.174 Fast forward to 1947, on April 24th,

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:15.174 --> 00:17:19.926 1947 a feeble 51 year old Naomi Ginsburg.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:19.930 --> 00:17:22.210 Entered the examining room at

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:22.210 --> 00:17:24.490 Bellevue Hospital in lower Manhattan,

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:24.490 --> 00:17:27.520 teetering on her feet and almost

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:27.520 --> 00:17:28.530 falling over.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:28.530 --> 00:17:31.700 She made an opaque statement about being

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:31.700 --> 00:17:34.650 embroiled in a political situation,

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:34.650 --> 00:17:37.610 and she asked, Is there such a thing

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:37.610 --> 00:17:40.090 as outside spirits haunting you?

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:40.090 --> 00:17:42.250 Then she said that she had seen God,

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:42.250 --> 00:17:45.085 who is tall and strong and handsome,

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:45.090 --> 00:17:46.257 and God said.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:46.257 --> 00:17:48.980 Have patience and keep saying to yourself,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:48.980 --> 00:17:49.820 I don't care.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:49.820 --> 00:17:50.660 I don't care.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:50.660 --> 00:17:52.004 And so she did.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:52.004 --> 00:17:53.684 Sometimes she jerked her head  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:53.684 --> 00:17:55.728 about on an imaginary access  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:55.728 --> 00:17:57.778 drawn perpendicular to the floor.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:57.780 --> 00:17:59.411 The other time she threw her head  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:17:59.411 --> 00:18:00.938 onto her chest and let it hang.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:00.940 --> 00:18:01.500 There.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:01.500 --> 00:18:05.290 She hung her head because I can't keep  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:05.290 --> 00:18:08.330 trying to hold on to a happy thought.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:08.330 --> 00:18:09.810 When asked about her husband,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:09.810 --> 00:18:12.407 she said that's where the trouble started.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:12.410 --> 00:18:13.474 Everybody knows my life.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:13.474 --> 00:18:14.804 It's a case in history.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:14.810 --> 00:18:17.246 My husband killed his brother and child.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:17.250 --> 00:18:18.846 My husband is a well known poet.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:18.850 --> 00:18:20.446 I left him four years ago.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:20.450 --> 00:18:21.674 I got tired.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:21.674 --> 00:18:22.490 We separated.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:22.490 --> 00:18:24.695 His mother organized a gang to get

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:24.695 --> 00:18:26.448 something in America for the Jews.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:26.450 --> 00:18:27.810 They went wild with killing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:27.810 --> 00:18:29.250 I was always a progressive,

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:29.250 --> 00:18:29.873 internationallyminded.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:29.873 --> 00:18:33.611 She described the visions in which

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:33.611 --> 00:18:37.377 she saw God and heard his voice.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:37.380 --> 00:18:38.404 And again, she said.

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:38.404 --> 00:18:40.261 All of a sudden a vision came

NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:40.261 --> 00:18:42.053 to me when I first became sick.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:42.060 --> 00:18:44.652 It said have patience, it comes to the needy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:44.660 --> 00:18:46.148 I was so happy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:46.148 --> 00:18:49.760 I tried to get him again and she also  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:49.760 --> 00:18:52.980 said that she can't endure the suffering.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:52.980 --> 00:18:54.336 I feel as though I'm dead,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.829499586

00:18:54.340 --> 00:18:55.420 but I am not dead.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92893222375

00:18:57.620 --> 00:18:59.260 She was at the end of her rope  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:03.700 --> 00:19:05.626 and of course she was exhibiting  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:05.626 --> 00:19:06.910 many of the symptoms.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:06.910 --> 00:19:09.346 That you would identify as schizophrenia,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:09.350 --> 00:19:11.870 though I have some questions about that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:11.870 --> 00:19:14.910 News of her admission got back to Allen,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:14.910 --> 00:19:16.350 who wrote in his journal,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:16.350 --> 00:19:19.070 Naomi Bellevue, Radio back,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:19.070 --> 00:19:20.341 etcetera, etcetera.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:20.341 --> 00:19:21.523 Depression relief,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:21.523 --> 00:19:25.069 but settling in sexual stasis again.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:25.070 --> 00:19:27.070 From there, Naomi was transferred

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:27.070 --> 00:19:28.670 to Pilgrim State Hospital.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:28.670 --> 00:19:30.590 After it opened in 1931.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:30.590 --> 00:19:32.920 Pilgrim State Hospital quickly became

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:32.920 --> 00:19:34.784 the largest psychiatric hospital.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:34.790 --> 00:19:37.750 In the world, it had a total of 13,000

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:37.750 --> 00:19:40.630 patients at the time that she was admitted.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:40.630 --> 00:19:42.410 It's about 100 miles from

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:42.410 --> 00:19:44.190 New York On Long Island,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:44.190 --> 00:19:45.790 Naomi would remain at Pilgrim

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:45.790 --> 00:19:47.790 State for the next several years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:47.790 --> 00:19:50.070 Not long after the transfer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:50.070 --> 00:19:52.494 Alan visited her and didn't write

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:52.494 --> 00:19:55.228 anything about the visit in his journal.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:55.230 --> 00:19:57.454 When asked if her she had been glad

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:57.454 --> 00:19:59.870 to see her family on visiting day,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:19:59.870 --> 00:20:00.352 she said.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:20:00.352 --> 00:20:01.798 I feel sorry that they come

NOTE Confidence: 0.943272563

00:20:01.798 --> 00:20:02.870 and see this site.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:05.760 --> 00:20:07.239 She also said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:07.239 --> 00:20:10.197 you know I'm deathly sick inside.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:10.200 --> 00:20:11.560 I have tumors and ulcers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:11.560 --> 00:20:13.800 I rush my heart, it's not strong.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:13.800 --> 00:20:15.480 Do me a favor and etherize

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:15.480 --> 00:20:17.559 me so my death will be easy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:17.560 --> 00:20:20.368 She gave a note to the nurse saying

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:20.368 --> 00:20:22.785 please kill me you you know you

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:22.785 --> 00:20:24.880 have my permission to do that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942489911111111

00:20:24.880 --> 00:20:26.848 She wanted to die,



NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:26.848 --> 00:20:29.800 she wrote to Alan and Eugene.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:29.800 --> 00:20:30.792 Please write me, Alan,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:30.792 --> 00:20:32.280 and tell Eugene to write me.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:32.280 --> 00:20:34.555 I'm feeling well enough to read letters.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:34.560 --> 00:20:36.225 Tell Eleanor, that's her sister  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:36.225 --> 00:20:38.520 to write for the love of Jesus.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:38.520 --> 00:20:40.440 I don't know how I got this sickness.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:40.440 --> 00:20:42.799 It's up to you to find out.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:42.800 --> 00:20:44.012 Your loving mother Naomi.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:44.012 --> 00:20:46.204 And then she also wrote to have  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:46.204 --> 00:20:47.759 visitors here as a godsend.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:47.760 --> 00:20:48.248 Believe me,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:48.248 --> 00:20:52.240 I keep your letter in my bosom, Naomi.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:52.240 --> 00:20:55.448 Here's what one of the letters looks like.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111  
00:20:55.450 --> 00:20:56.884 Please come to see me in a hurry.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111

00:20:56.890 --> 00:20:58.766 One son call up the other son,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111

00:20:58.770 --> 00:21:00.366 tell Eleanor to come see me.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111

00:21:00.370 --> 00:21:03.046 I'm still alive and walking around,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9424899111111111

00:21:03.050 --> 00:21:04.810 and there's many such letters.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9536714666666667

00:21:08.090 --> 00:21:12.194 By November 11th, 1947,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9536714666666667

00:21:12.194 --> 00:21:15.738 the psychiatrist wrote this progress.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9536714666666667

00:21:15.738 --> 00:21:19.350 Note that she had not made progress  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9536714666666667

00:21:19.350 --> 00:21:21.970 despite multiple treatments of ECT.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9536714666666667

00:21:21.970 --> 00:21:24.035 And so they. Decided to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9536714666666667

00:21:24.035 --> 00:21:25.687 recommend a prefrontal lobotomy  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943349921538462

00:21:28.490 --> 00:21:30.394 and they framed it around like she's  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943349921538462

00:21:30.394 --> 00:21:31.848 difficult to manage on the ward.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943349921538462

00:21:31.850 --> 00:21:34.167 And that was one of the indications  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943349921538462

00:21:34.167 --> 00:21:36.412 back then is make people more  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943349921538462

00:21:36.412 --> 00:21:38.377 docile and manageable on the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943349921538462

00:21:38.377 --> 00:21:40.408 hospital or or in their home.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:42.450 --> 00:21:43.446 So Allen returned.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:43.446 --> 00:21:45.106 Allen had been thrown out

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:45.106 --> 00:21:46.490 of Columbia University.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:46.490 --> 00:21:47.309 That's another story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:47.309 --> 00:21:49.220 Then he went to Dakar with the

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:49.276 --> 00:21:51.116 merchant marines, came back,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:51.116 --> 00:21:54.427 and there's this letter waiting for him.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:54.430 --> 00:21:56.350 Please be advised that your mother,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:56.350 --> 00:21:57.178 Miss Naomi Ginsberg,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:57.178 --> 00:21:58.282 was seen in consultation

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:58.282 --> 00:21:59.550 with the Assistant Director.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:21:59.550 --> 00:22:01.055 It was decided her mental

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:01.055 --> 00:22:02.560 condition is serious enough to

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:02.616 --> 00:22:04.228 warrant a prefrontal lobotomy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:04.230 --> 00:22:05.916 If you're interested in more details

NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:05.916 --> 00:22:08.029 in regard to this type of operation,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:08.030 --> 00:22:09.095 it's possible complications.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:09.095 --> 00:22:10.870 You can discuss this problem  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:10.870 --> 00:22:12.960 with the doctor on charge of the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:12.960 --> 00:22:14.550 case on the next visiting day.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:14.550 --> 00:22:15.924 In the meantime,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:15.924 --> 00:22:18.214 we're including including this request  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:18.214 --> 00:22:21.649 if you want to sign it and send it back.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:21.650 --> 00:22:22.775 So interestingly enough,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:22.775 --> 00:22:25.025 when Alan gave me permission to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:25.025 --> 00:22:27.138 look in his archives in 1986,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:27.138 --> 00:22:29.410 I found this letter.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:29.410 --> 00:22:31.846 And I remember, I'll never forget,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:31.850 --> 00:22:32.428 you know,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:32.428 --> 00:22:34.162 the evening that I showed Alan  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89127586

00:22:34.162 --> 00:22:35.688 this letter in his apartment

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:37.770 --> 00:22:41.725 and imagined the how nervous I was.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:41.730 --> 00:22:45.645 And you know, the kind of the courage it

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:45.645 --> 00:22:49.265 took to to show him this and then to.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:49.270 --> 00:22:50.950 Absorb his reaction, of course.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:50.950 --> 00:22:52.910 He said this is an extreme thing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:52.910 --> 00:22:54.788 Yes, I did it, they said.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:54.790 --> 00:22:58.010 He said they told me that her

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:58.010 --> 00:22:59.910 shoot her head would literally

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:22:59.910 --> 00:23:02.070 explode if unless I signed this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:23:02.070 --> 00:23:05.463 So I did. But at the time in 1986,

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:23:05.463 --> 00:23:09.906 this was not public knowledge and so it

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:23:09.906 --> 00:23:12.969 was kind of a a bombshell for for me to

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:23:12.969 --> 00:23:19.810 hear about this as well Alan went or.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:23:19.810 --> 00:23:23.593 The lobotomy was performed and

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:23:23.593 --> 00:23:25.651 Alan came home and wrote Alan

NOTE Confidence: 0.816024942857143

00:23:25.651 --> 00:23:27.649 Don't Die in his journal.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938576366666667

00:23:31.170 --> 00:23:32.970 This is an image of lobotomy,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938576366666667

00:23:32.970 --> 00:23:33.699 how lobotomies work.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.938576366666667

00:23:33.699 --> 00:23:35.690 We could talk about that if you want.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:40.010 --> 00:23:41.730 Now switch a little bit.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:41.730 --> 00:23:43.008 By this time in his life,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:43.010 --> 00:23:45.858 Allen Ginsberg was an  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:45.858 --> 00:23:48.706 undergraduate at Columbia College.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:48.710 --> 00:23:50.859 And for three years he had been  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:50.859 --> 00:23:52.350 working with Jack Kerouac,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:52.350 --> 00:23:54.454 William Burroughs and others,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:54.454 --> 00:23:56.774 his buddies, to try to write  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:56.774 --> 00:23:58.670 what they called a new vision,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:23:58.670 --> 00:24:01.082 to take in the world as it is without  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:01.082 --> 00:24:02.430 ordered, rational preconception,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:02.430 --> 00:24:05.130 then create an entirely new

NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:05.130 --> 00:24:06.750 order and consciousness.

NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:06.750 --> 00:24:07.870 You understand what that means.

NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:07.870 --> 00:24:08.670 I'm not sure I do.

NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:08.670 --> 00:24:09.047 But.

NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:09.047 --> 00:24:10.932 But, but they were trying

NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:10.932 --> 00:24:12.932 and Kerouac was writing and

NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:12.932 --> 00:24:15.136 Ginsburg was writing to get

NOTE Confidence: 0.868533426

00:24:15.136 --> 00:24:17.430 to this new vision Well.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:20.380 --> 00:24:25.668 They were very much inspired by Rambo,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:25.668 --> 00:24:28.804 who wrote As I come down the

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:28.804 --> 00:24:31.620 Impassable rivers, I felt no more

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:31.620 --> 00:24:33.540 the bargeman's guiding hands.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:33.540 --> 00:24:36.420 And so there was a sense

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:36.420 --> 00:24:38.340 that we welcome crises,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:38.340 --> 00:24:42.296 we welcome hardship coming into our

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:42.296 --> 00:24:45.460 lives because it's going to strip away.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:45.460 --> 00:24:47.960 Bourgeois mentality and and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:47.960 --> 00:24:50.460 conventional ways of thinking.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:50.460 --> 00:24:51.513 And so indeed,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:51.513 --> 00:24:53.619 Allen was embroiled in a crisis,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:53.620 --> 00:24:55.936 and the crisis was his mother  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:55.936 --> 00:24:57.740 and his mother's hospitalization  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:24:57.740 --> 00:25:00.940 and lobotomy at that time.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:00.940 --> 00:25:01.768 Now, you know,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:01.768 --> 00:25:03.700 he had been writing kind of long,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:03.700 --> 00:25:05.972 ponderous poems that weren't  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:05.972 --> 00:25:07.676 really going anywhere.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:07.680 --> 00:25:10.900 But things kind of changed all of a sudden.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:10.900 --> 00:25:12.375 He had also been interested  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:12.375 --> 00:25:13.680 in psychoanalysis.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:13.680 --> 00:25:14.976 He thought psychoanalysis



NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:14.976 --> 00:25:17.476 would help free his mind up.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:17.476 --> 00:25:21.212 He and Kerouac were engaged in a joint  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:21.212 --> 00:25:23.600 psychoanalysis by William Burrows.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:23.600 --> 00:25:26.256 William Burrows conducted the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:26.256 --> 00:25:28.472 analysis in Burrows apartment that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:28.472 --> 00:25:31.240 they they would lie there next to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:31.240 --> 00:25:33.436 each other and tell their stories.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:33.440 --> 00:25:35.200 Interesting, huh?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:35.200 --> 00:25:37.308 Ginsburg used heroin, marijuana,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:37.308 --> 00:25:40.470 Benzedrine to try to kind of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:40.559 --> 00:25:42.719 loosen things up as well.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:42.720 --> 00:25:47.095 And this was what was going on about  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:47.095 --> 00:25:49.720 the time when he signed the consent.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:49.720 --> 00:25:52.576 And I understand that the the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667  
00:25:52.576 --> 00:25:55.450 consent for lobotomy as a descent  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:55.450 --> 00:25:58.078 in the in the Ramboian sense,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:58.080 --> 00:25:59.292 descent is acceptance.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:25:59.292 --> 00:26:02.520 For so long he believed everything she said,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:02.520 --> 00:26:03.776 Naomi said was true.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:03.776 --> 00:26:06.466 But he had come to accept that he  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:06.466 --> 00:26:08.668 could not surrender himself to her.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:08.670 --> 00:26:10.470 He had to accept that she was ill,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:10.470 --> 00:26:11.986 that she required treatment,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:11.986 --> 00:26:13.502 and that those treatments  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:13.502 --> 00:26:15.070 had serious side effects.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:15.070 --> 00:26:17.398 Dissent is being cast into a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:17.398 --> 00:26:18.950 new and unfamiliar territory.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:18.950 --> 00:26:21.025 By signing consent and endorsing  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:21.025 --> 00:26:22.270 the doctor's authority,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:22.270 --> 00:26:25.546 he pushed himself outside of Naomi's orbit,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:25.550 --> 00:26:28.070 where he had spent most of his life.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:28.070 --> 00:26:30.380 And dissent is risking her death

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:30.380 --> 00:26:31.920 and traumatizing yourself in

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:31.985 --> 00:26:33.875 the hope of making her better.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:33.880 --> 00:26:34.852 For Ginsburg,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:34.852 --> 00:26:37.282 dissent meant tying the intellectualized

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:37.282 --> 00:26:41.040 idea of the new vision with Madness's

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:41.040 --> 00:26:44.000 actual visions, including Naomi's.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:44.000 --> 00:26:46.716 And it also meant putting complete trust

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:46.716 --> 00:26:50.080 in poetry to make up for life's let downs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:50.080 --> 00:26:52.020 So six months later,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:52.020 --> 00:26:54.448 six months after signing consent,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:54.448 --> 00:26:57.836 he starts to have his own visions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:57.840 --> 00:26:59.760 He was lonely, directionless,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:26:59.760 --> 00:27:00.720 and despondent.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:27:00.720 --> 00:27:03.488 He was living by himself in a sublet.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

00:27:03.490 --> 00:27:06.206 Of his friend's place up in Harlem,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.930190094

00:27:07.170 --> 00:27:07.850 there were a lot of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:08.250 --> 00:27:10.145 this. This friend was a diff  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:10.145 --> 00:27:11.930 student at Columbia and had a lot  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:11.930 --> 00:27:13.798 of books on religion and Alan was  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:13.798 --> 00:27:15.649 reading all of those at the time.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:15.650 --> 00:27:17.430 He had his visions.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:17.430 --> 00:27:20.102 He was studying Cezanne to finish  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:20.102 --> 00:27:22.778 an incomplete class that he was  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:22.778 --> 00:27:25.689 taking from Professor Meyer Shapiro  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:25.690 --> 00:27:27.490 which would allow him to graduate.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:27.490 --> 00:27:30.088 He rode the subway downtown and.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:30.090 --> 00:27:31.910 Went to the Museum of Modern Art  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:31.910 --> 00:27:33.529 and he studied this painting,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:33.530 --> 00:27:34.862 Cezanne's Le Stock.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:34.862 --> 00:27:37.989 And when looking at this painting he

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:37.989 --> 00:27:40.743 noted he had the first experience

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:40.743 --> 00:27:43.300 of what he called slippage.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:43.300 --> 00:27:46.240 Slippage like his mind was started

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:46.240 --> 00:27:48.501 to something started to happen

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:48.501 --> 00:27:50.649 to how he was seeing things.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:50.650 --> 00:27:54.484 And then a few days later while reading

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:54.484 --> 00:27:58.850 William Blake's The Sick Rose at Home he had.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:27:58.850 --> 00:28:01.450 The first of his visions,

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:01.450 --> 00:28:04.858 and he immediately thought that

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:04.858 --> 00:28:07.450 this was his reason for living.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:07.450 --> 00:28:09.010 He thought he had seen God.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:09.010 --> 00:28:11.208 He thought he had seen the light.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:11.210 --> 00:28:13.730 He started telling everybody about them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:13.730 --> 00:28:16.930 Friends, people in bars,

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:16.930 --> 00:28:18.922 his father and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:18.922 --> 00:28:21.274 He wrote about him in journals.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:21.280 --> 00:28:22.416 He started writing poems.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:22.416 --> 00:28:24.445 He thought his job was now to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:24.445 --> 00:28:26.035 be a visionary poet like Blake.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:26.040 --> 00:28:27.896 And I'm going to write poems that are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:27.896 --> 00:28:30.001 going to inspire this kind of change  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:30.001 --> 00:28:32.376 of consciousness in everybody and that,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:32.376 --> 00:28:33.678 this and that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:33.680 --> 00:28:35.740 This indeed became the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:35.740 --> 00:28:38.315 central mission of his life.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:38.320 --> 00:28:39.772 These are some of the things  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:39.772 --> 00:28:41.080 he wrote at the time.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:41.080 --> 00:28:42.837 I can't forget what I have seen,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:42.840 --> 00:28:43.950 something dreamlike white  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:43.950 --> 00:28:45.800 art and ghostly about us.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:45.800 --> 00:28:47.660 The unreal has become for

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:47.660 --> 00:28:49.520 me the roast real now.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:49.520 --> 00:28:51.438 I have had moments of absolute valid,

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:51.440 --> 00:28:52.480 literal knowledge.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:52.480 --> 00:28:57.320 I've seen the Nightingale at last.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:57.320 --> 00:28:59.462 So he began writing poems that he

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:28:59.462 --> 00:29:01.218 thought would stand with Blake's

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:01.218 --> 00:29:03.158 Songs of Innocence and Experience.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:03.160 --> 00:29:04.938 He wrote one poem called 2 Sonnets

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:04.938 --> 00:29:07.080 and this is just an excerpt from it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:07.080 --> 00:29:08.784 And he said I witnessed heaven

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:08.784 --> 00:29:09.636 in unholy time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:09.640 --> 00:29:12.160 I room in the renowned city am unknown.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:12.160 --> 00:29:14.743 So he's saying I have seen I

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:14.743 --> 00:29:17.440 I'm a witness to the divine and

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:17.440 --> 00:29:19.496 and I want you to all see it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:19.500 --> 00:29:20.436 Two now,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:20.436 --> 00:29:22.776 these 1948 Blake visions would  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:22.776 --> 00:29:24.700 be described many, many,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:24.700 --> 00:29:26.260 many times thereafter,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:26.260 --> 00:29:28.602 especially in a 1962 interview  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:28.602 --> 00:29:31.339 that he did for the Paris Review.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:31.340 --> 00:29:32.834 And interestingly enough,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:32.834 --> 00:29:35.324 all the biographies and critical  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:35.324 --> 00:29:38.200 writings about Ginsburg take this 1962  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:38.200 --> 00:29:42.260 interview as the description of the visions.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:42.260 --> 00:29:44.934 But it's 14 years after the visions,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:44.940 --> 00:29:46.376 and in that 19.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:46.376 --> 00:29:48.530 62 Description He describes that he  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:48.604 --> 00:29:50.926 heard the voice of William Blake.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:50.930 --> 00:29:52.556 But one of my other discoveries  
NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:52.556 --> 00:29:54.569 in my research is the voice of



NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:54.569 --> 00:29:56.009 William Blake is not mentioned

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:56.009 --> 00:29:58.226 until at least 10 years later and

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:58.226 --> 00:29:59.806 mostly not until this interview.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:29:59.810 --> 00:30:03.743 So what's going on in that interim period?

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:03.743 --> 00:30:06.035 Some there's something important

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:06.035 --> 00:30:08.900 happening about his struggling with

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:08.977 --> 00:30:11.940 that experience and his kind of

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:11.940 --> 00:30:15.680 retelling the story of himself over many,

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:15.680 --> 00:30:16.870 many years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:16.870 --> 00:30:19.884 So over the next period of time,

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:19.884 --> 00:30:21.720 the more Alan kept talking about

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:21.783 --> 00:30:23.979 visions and writing about the visions,

NOTE Confidence: 0.936228126

00:30:23.980 --> 00:30:26.180 the more he felt like he was losing,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:26.180 --> 00:30:27.116 losing his mind.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:27.116 --> 00:30:29.300 And he this is what he wrote.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:29.300 --> 00:30:31.142 I'm ill. I've become spiritually or  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:31.142 --> 00:30:32.820 practically impotent in my madness.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:32.820 --> 00:30:35.598 This last month, I suddenly realized  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:35.598 --> 00:30:39.419 that my head is severed from my body,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:39.420 --> 00:30:41.261 and the sense of being on the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:41.261 --> 00:30:42.963 brink of madness was in a lot  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:42.963 --> 00:30:44.580 of poems he wrote at the time.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:44.580 --> 00:30:46.656 He was living with Herbert Hunky.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:46.660 --> 00:30:48.780 Who later became a writer,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:48.780 --> 00:30:51.606 who was a junkie and with a bunch of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:51.606 --> 00:30:54.097 other junkies had a criminal gang.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:54.100 --> 00:30:56.604 Again, he was trying to have his kind  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:56.604 --> 00:30:59.183 of dark Night of the Soul experience  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:30:59.183 --> 00:31:01.981 strip away all aspects of middle class  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:01.981 --> 00:31:04.101 existence and his Columbia education  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:04.101 --> 00:31:08.647 and and get closer to the spirit world well.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:08.647 --> 00:31:11.636 They got caught in a drug bust

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:11.636 --> 00:31:15.140 and a one way like a car crash.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:15.140 --> 00:31:18.296 Car turned over, police arrested him.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:18.300 --> 00:31:19.700 It was on the front page of

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:19.700 --> 00:31:20.660 the New York Times.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:20.660 --> 00:31:23.100 Hunky went to Rikers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:23.100 --> 00:31:25.100 Ellen got letters from Jacques

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:25.100 --> 00:31:27.180 Barzon and Lionel Trilling,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:27.180 --> 00:31:28.580 who testified that he, Allen,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:28.580 --> 00:31:30.392 had so much potential.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:30.392 --> 00:31:32.798 So Allen was able to make a deal with

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:32.798 --> 00:31:34.663 the prosecutor to get admitted to the

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:34.663 --> 00:31:36.133 New York State Psychiatric Institute,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:36.140 --> 00:31:39.350 where he went for eight months.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:39.350 --> 00:31:42.150 While waiting to be admitted,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:42.150 --> 00:31:44.150 he and Kerouac were corresponding.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:44.150 --> 00:31:46.222 And Kerouac said I'd say you were  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:46.222 --> 00:31:48.255 always trying to justify your Moss  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:48.255 --> 00:31:50.065 madness as against the logical,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:50.070 --> 00:31:52.026 sober but hateful sanity.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:52.026 --> 00:31:55.550 This is really harmless and even loyal.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:55.550 --> 00:31:57.846 And they made light of it in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:57.846 --> 00:31:59.940 this funny poem which says all  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:31:59.940 --> 00:32:01.790 the doctors think I'm crazy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:01.790 --> 00:32:04.310 The truth is really that I'm lazy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:04.310 --> 00:32:06.370 I made visions to begalun.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:06.370 --> 00:32:09.485 Until they put me in the asylum  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:09.490 --> 00:32:11.450 and they were making fun of this.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:11.450 --> 00:32:13.730 But it was not all fun.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:13.730 --> 00:32:14.600 There was.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:14.600 --> 00:32:17.645 I think the suffering was real and

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:17.645 --> 00:32:20.490 the questions of what Alan would do

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:20.490 --> 00:32:23.470 with his life and is Alan on the road

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:23.470 --> 00:32:26.099 to becoming like Naomi were the most

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:26.099 --> 00:32:28.673 pressing questions, Kerouac wrote.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:28.673 --> 00:32:30.776 To Ginsburg said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:30.780 --> 00:32:32.225 I admire you for delivering

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:32.225 --> 00:32:34.060 yourself to an actual bug house.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:34.060 --> 00:32:36.260 It shows your interest in things and people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:36.260 --> 00:32:37.124 But be careful,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:37.124 --> 00:32:38.564 while convincing the docs you're

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:38.564 --> 00:32:40.259 nuts not to convince yourself.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93522184

00:32:40.260 --> 00:32:42.416 You see, I know you too well.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:45.620 --> 00:32:47.573 So Allen is admitted to the New

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:47.573 --> 00:32:48.980 York State Psychiatric Institute.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:48.980 --> 00:32:50.076 A very different place

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:50.076 --> 00:32:51.436 than Pilgrim State, right?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:51.436 --> 00:32:53.945 It's a collaboration between Pi,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:53.945 --> 00:32:55.405 between the state's mental  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:55.405 --> 00:32:57.170 health system and and Columbia.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:57.170 --> 00:32:59.850 And he's admitted to the fifth floor unit.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:32:59.850 --> 00:33:02.244 Which at the time is called the genius war.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:02.250 --> 00:33:03.750 And that's a place where  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:03.750 --> 00:33:04.650 people had psychosis,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:04.650 --> 00:33:08.410 but they were doing talk therapy with them.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:08.410 --> 00:33:10.528 They did a Rorschach on him,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:10.530 --> 00:33:11.970 and this is what they said.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:11.970 --> 00:33:14.020 He's brilliant but autistic schizophrenic  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:14.020 --> 00:33:17.118 of the catatonic type who has religious  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:17.118 --> 00:33:19.568 ecstasies and occasional agitated periods.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:19.570 --> 00:33:21.930 I'm not going to read this whole thing,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:21.930 --> 00:33:24.912 but they they were impressed at how

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:24.912 --> 00:33:28.660 close he was to to psychosis he gets.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:28.660 --> 00:33:31.810 On this unit with Paul Hoke,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:31.810 --> 00:33:34.450 Paul Hoke is a legendary psychiatrist

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:34.450 --> 00:33:37.350 from Columbia who was the head

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:37.350 --> 00:33:40.409 of research there and he had a

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:40.410 --> 00:33:42.910 developed a diagnosis called pseudo

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:42.910 --> 00:33:44.410 neurotic type schizophrenia,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:44.410 --> 00:33:46.486 which essentially we don't have anymore.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:46.490 --> 00:33:50.860 But it said you are like psychotic at your

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:50.860 --> 00:33:54.620 core and you're defended with sexuality,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:54.620 --> 00:33:59.490 antisocial behavior and and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:33:59.490 --> 00:34:02.526 Not a neurosis of which antisocial

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:02.526 --> 00:34:06.596 is 1 type of neurosis and other

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:06.596 --> 00:34:08.728 neurotic symptoms and anxiety.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:08.730 --> 00:34:10.054 They were doing psychotherapy

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:10.054 --> 00:34:11.047 with such patients.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:11.050 --> 00:34:12.600 They were also doing psychosurgery  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:12.600 --> 00:34:13.530 with such patients.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:13.530 --> 00:34:17.475 Even even recommended a randomized controlled  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:17.475 --> 00:34:22.100 trial of such a thing surgery or or.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:22.100 --> 00:34:22.740 Psychotherapy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:22.740 --> 00:34:23.380 Luckily,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:23.380 --> 00:34:27.220 Allen was not selected for psychosurgery,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:27.220 --> 00:34:29.978 but he saw many people who were.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:29.980 --> 00:34:31.856 I spoke with one of his psychiatrists  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:31.856 --> 00:34:34.148 who told me that he spent a lot  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:34.148 --> 00:34:35.573 of time defending certain people  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:35.630 --> 00:34:37.660 against getting selected for surgery,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:37.660 --> 00:34:40.420 including Allen.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:40.420 --> 00:34:41.740 Allen, by the way,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:41.740 --> 00:34:44.140 liked this diagnosis because he said to me,



NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:44.140 --> 00:34:47.264 I I I I believe that, and I like that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:47.264 --> 00:34:49.995 We all live near psychosis and we need

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:49.995 --> 00:34:52.185 to understand that part of ourselves

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:52.185 --> 00:34:56.066 and and acknowledge it and respect it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:56.070 --> 00:34:58.342 Allen did occupational therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:34:58.342 --> 00:35:01.182 He went did art therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:01.190 --> 00:35:03.318 This is a painting he drew looking

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:03.318 --> 00:35:05.150 out out at the and kind of see.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:05.150 --> 00:35:05.630 It's the bridge,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:05.630 --> 00:35:08.330 George Washington Bridge over to

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:08.330 --> 00:35:11.030 the Palisades over Hudson River

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:11.030 --> 00:35:13.950 and one of his first days in the

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:13.950 --> 00:35:16.677 hospital he wrote about the bridge.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:16.680 --> 00:35:17.342 Of sorts,

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:17.342 --> 00:35:18.004 he said.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:18.004 --> 00:35:19.996 I'm torn between putting aside my  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:19.996 --> 00:35:22.320 loyalty and love directed to the past,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:22.320 --> 00:35:22.948 the underworld,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:22.948 --> 00:35:24.518 the mythical symbols of tragedy,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:24.520 --> 00:35:26.016 suffering and solitary grandeur,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:26.016 --> 00:35:28.260 and the prosaic community of feeling  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:28.318 --> 00:35:30.327 which I might enter by affirming in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:30.327 --> 00:35:32.264 my own allegiance to those bourgeois  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:32.264 --> 00:35:33.959 standards which I had rejected.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:33.960 --> 00:35:35.895 Yet what do I know of the reality of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:35.895 --> 00:35:37.617 these bridges and ideas which make  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:37.617 --> 00:35:39.440 up the visible and invisible world?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:39.440 --> 00:35:40.875 And why am I in the madhouse?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:40.880 --> 00:35:44.368 How easy it is to reverse these values  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:44.368 --> 00:35:47.469 entirely and consider myself Ginsburg.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:47.470 --> 00:35:49.290 And forbearing wise men in

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:49.290 --> 00:35:50.746 a nation of madhouses.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:50.750 --> 00:35:51.870 Neither of these are true.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:51.870 --> 00:35:53.760 I tire of this thought interesting

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:53.760 --> 00:35:56.188 dilemma that he was finding himself in.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:56.190 --> 00:35:58.590 So he goes into therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:35:58.590 --> 00:36:00.875 He has three psychiatry residents

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:36:00.875 --> 00:36:04.035 who treat him in once a week and

NOTE Confidence: 0.917524672727273

00:36:04.035 --> 00:36:06.030 three or four times a week therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:06.030 --> 00:36:07.834 They take fantastic notes,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:07.834 --> 00:36:11.030 which I had an opportunity to read.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:11.030 --> 00:36:13.172 I don't know of any other

NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:13.172 --> 00:36:14.600 example of a brilliant.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:14.600 --> 00:36:16.712 You know creative person at this

NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:16.712 --> 00:36:18.935 troubling time of his life where

NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:18.935 --> 00:36:20.800 we can see the psychotherapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:20.800 --> 00:36:22.672 but you can see it and I write about  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:22.672 --> 00:36:24.600 it extensively in in my book and this  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:24.600 --> 00:36:25.880 is what one of the notes look like.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:25.880 --> 00:36:27.560 And you can see he's talking  
NOTE Confidence: 0.943913133636363

00:36:27.560 --> 00:36:28.400 about his visions.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:30.840 --> 00:36:33.351 I'm going to I I talk in great detail  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:33.351 --> 00:36:35.845 about the therapy, but I just want to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:35.845 --> 00:36:37.760 share 3 anecdotes from the therapy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:37.760 --> 00:36:40.154 One is, he says to his therapist.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:40.160 --> 00:36:42.200 I'm the greatest poet of my  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:42.200 --> 00:36:44.648 age and I ask you as like.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:44.650 --> 00:36:45.703 Therapist, expert therapist.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:45.703 --> 00:36:47.809 What would you say if your  
NOTE Confidence: 0.896572778333333

00:36:47.810 --> 00:36:48.770 patient said that to you?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9402535

00:36:54.930 --> 00:36:55.210 What?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.951754522857143

00:36:58.210 --> 00:37:01.367 He hadn't published anything at that point.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951754522857143  
00:37:01.370 --> 00:37:03.330 He had a lot of ambition. He was smart,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:07.730 --> 00:37:09.368 you know, the therapists were wondering,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:09.370 --> 00:37:10.066 is he brilliant?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:10.066 --> 00:37:11.690 Is he going to get a book,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:11.690 --> 00:37:13.985 or is he going to be like his mother?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:13.990 --> 00:37:15.474 Or something in between.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:15.474 --> 00:37:18.688 So the the therapist writes it down and then  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:18.688 --> 00:37:21.630 the therapist has to like get a phone call.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:21.630 --> 00:37:23.388 And then while the therapist getting  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:23.388 --> 00:37:26.990 a phone call, Alan looks at the note.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:26.990 --> 00:37:28.110 I'm the greatest poet of my age.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:28.110 --> 00:37:28.990 And he looks at it and he says,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:28.990 --> 00:37:30.210 that sounds pretty paranoid the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:30.210 --> 00:37:32.150 way you have it there, doesn't it?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333  
00:37:32.150 --> 00:37:34.670 It was a a great unwitting interpretation,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333

00:37:34.670 --> 00:37:36.902 I think, and I think that they did it.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333

00:37:36.910 --> 00:37:39.286 They did a pretty good job of pushing  
NOTE Confidence: 0.801246908333333

00:37:39.286 --> 00:37:41.830 back gently on his grandiosity.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:37:44.070 --> 00:37:46.452 And here's another time he's talking  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:37:46.452 --> 00:37:50.171 about his visions and he wants them to be  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:37:50.171 --> 00:37:52.226 considered special and prophetic states.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:37:52.230 --> 00:37:54.786 And you know, when the therapist says to him,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:37:54.790 --> 00:37:57.067 like, you know, Okay,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:37:57.067 --> 00:37:59.449 so you would sometimes experience things  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:37:59.449 --> 00:38:01.868 different from the way people do Okay.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:01.870 --> 00:38:03.388 And he's like, no, you know,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:03.390 --> 00:38:06.000 I want, you know, I saw God and I  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:06.000 --> 00:38:08.947 I want everybody to realize that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:08.950 --> 00:38:10.616 So the therapists were in this kind  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:10.616 --> 00:38:12.405 of dance with him about that and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:12.405 --> 00:38:14.387 eventually said to him, like, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:14.387 --> 00:38:17.030 it's all about what you do with this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:17.030 --> 00:38:18.790 You know, that's going to make a difference.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:18.790 --> 00:38:20.668 So, you know, write about it,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:20.670 --> 00:38:22.386 keep working on writing about it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:22.390 --> 00:38:23.666 Show me your poems.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:23.666 --> 00:38:25.950 Let's see what the writing looks like.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:25.950 --> 00:38:28.630 And he found that helpful.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:28.630 --> 00:38:29.192 Here's another.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:29.192 --> 00:38:29.754 Even yet,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:29.754 --> 00:38:32.125 he made it clear at the start that

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:32.125 --> 00:38:33.675 he looked upon mental illness

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:33.675 --> 00:38:35.070 as a definite entity,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:35.070 --> 00:38:36.480 that for him everyone in the

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:36.480 --> 00:38:37.950 world is either sane or insane.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:37.950 --> 00:38:39.350 He's having a little trouble

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:39.350 --> 00:38:40.750 placing himself in this scheme.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:40.750 --> 00:38:43.185 He described his visions stating

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:43.185 --> 00:38:45.620 clearly these are the experience

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:45.697 --> 00:38:48.467 which previous therapist labeled mad.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:48.470 --> 00:38:48.804 OK,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:48.804 --> 00:38:51.142 at the end he said they certified

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:51.142 --> 00:38:52.510 I was not mad,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:52.510 --> 00:38:54.127 more of a real neurotic who was

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:54.127 --> 00:38:55.310 pseudo psychotic you might say.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:55.310 --> 00:38:57.284 He said that to me in fact.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:57.284 --> 00:38:57.898 Nolan Lewis,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:57.898 --> 00:38:59.740 who was the director and probably

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:38:59.800 --> 00:39:01.365 one of the leading psychiatrists

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:39:01.365 --> 00:39:02.930 in America at the time,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:39:02.930 --> 00:39:06.642 said that he predicted he was going to

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:39:06.642 --> 00:39:08.623 become schizophrenic like his mother,



NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:39:08.623 --> 00:39:10.729 but they didn't tell him that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:39:10.730 --> 00:39:15.330 So in fact Alan was half right,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94931066

00:39:15.330 --> 00:39:15.890 half wrong

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:19.850 --> 00:39:21.672 Alan. So now I'm going to say a

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:21.672 --> 00:39:22.938 little bit about the poems Alan

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:22.938 --> 00:39:26.170 was writing in those days, so.

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:26.170 --> 00:39:28.258 He and Kerouac had this idea

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:28.258 --> 00:39:29.650 of the Shrouded Stranger,

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:29.650 --> 00:39:32.225 and he wrote notebooks about

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:32.225 --> 00:39:33.770 the Shrouded Stranger.

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:33.770 --> 00:39:37.050 And I'm going to play an excerpt from a a,

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:37.050 --> 00:39:40.090 a song that he recorded this in the

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:40.090 --> 00:39:43.010 1980s with some of Tom Waits's musicians.

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:43.010 --> 00:39:43.736 This one's loud.

NOTE Confidence: 0.42177796

00:39:43.736 --> 00:39:45.650 There's loud music and I'm just warning you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92683568

00:39:51.170 --> 00:39:51.890 Oh, come on.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.5992102

00:39:56.540 --> 00:40:00.220 Who'll come lie down in the dark with me,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.894083016666667

00:40:00.220 --> 00:40:03.780 belly to belly and knee to knee,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.894083016666667

00:40:03.780 --> 00:40:06.500 Who look into my wooded eye,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.894083016666667

00:40:06.500 --> 00:40:10.777 Who lie down under my darkened thigh.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94276945

00:40:12.300 --> 00:40:15.620 So he shared this poem with his therapist.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94276945

00:40:15.620 --> 00:40:20.104 His therapist thought that this was a Allen.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94276945

00:40:20.104 --> 00:40:23.160 Trying to reckon with the image of his  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94276945

00:40:23.248 --> 00:40:26.496 kind of seductive but scary mother when  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94276945

00:40:26.496 --> 00:40:29.678 she was psychotic and things like that,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:40:32.200 --> 00:40:34.840 Allen wrote other poems about madness.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:40:34.840 --> 00:40:36.360 He wrote this poem, Patterson,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:40:36.360 --> 00:40:38.920 in which madness is seen as like a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:40:38.920 --> 00:40:41.000 great social and personal virtue.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:40:41.000 --> 00:40:42.416 What do I want in these  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:40:42.416 --> 00:40:43.360 rooms papered with money?

NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:43.360 --> 00:40:44.388 I'd rather go mad.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:44.388 --> 00:40:45.673 Gone down the dark Rd.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:45.680 --> 00:40:48.557 in Mexico, heroin dripping in my veins,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:48.560 --> 00:40:51.750 so on and so forth.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:51.750 --> 00:40:53.508 About a week after he's discharged,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:53.510 --> 00:40:55.694 he went to the Guggenheim where William  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:55.694 --> 00:40:57.589 Carlos Williams was giving a reading,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:57.590 --> 00:40:59.930 and he introduced himself to Williams  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:40:59.930 --> 00:41:02.816 and soon thereafter met with Williams and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:41:02.816 --> 00:41:06.224 Will and then wrote this in his journal,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:41:06.230 --> 00:41:09.149 wrote this in a letter to Kerouac  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:41:09.150 --> 00:41:11.190 explaining what Williams had taught him.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:41:11.190 --> 00:41:12.674 All you got to do is look  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:41:12.674 --> 00:41:13.310 over your notebooks.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667  
00:41:13.310 --> 00:41:14.828 That's where I got these poems.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:14.830 --> 00:41:16.675 Or lay down on a couch and think of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:16.675 --> 00:41:18.149 anything that comes into your head,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:18.150 --> 00:41:19.464 especially the miseries.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:19.464 --> 00:41:21.654 The miseries or night thoughts.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:21.660 --> 00:41:23.900 When you can't sleep an hour before sleeping,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:23.900 --> 00:41:25.258 only get up and write it down.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:25.260 --> 00:41:26.658 Then arrange in lines of two,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:26.660 --> 00:41:27.743 3-4 words each.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:27.743 --> 00:41:29.548 Don't bother about the sentences  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:29.548 --> 00:41:31.868 In sections of 234 lines each will  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:31.868 --> 00:41:33.980 have a huge collected anthology of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895333976666667

00:41:34.053 --> 00:41:36.338 American kicks and mental miseries.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301902

00:41:38.460 --> 00:41:38.780 And  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:41:40.900 --> 00:41:42.235 and Kerouac writes,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:41:42.235 --> 00:41:44.460 you know Williams is right,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:41:44.460 --> 00:41:46.746 the original impulse of the mind.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:41:46.750 --> 00:41:48.370 Is the proceed of first  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:41:48.370 --> 00:41:49.990 wild drafts of the poem.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:41:49.990 --> 00:41:52.097 The formal ode is a dull suit  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:41:52.097 --> 00:41:53.442 covering the great exciting  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:41:53.442 --> 00:41:55.516 nude body of reality, etcetera.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:41:55.516 --> 00:41:59.166 Ellen at the time is also doing a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:41:59.166 --> 00:42:01.070 lot of drawing and he drew these  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:42:01.132 --> 00:42:03.160 interesting images in his journal about  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:42:03.160 --> 00:42:05.789 the same time as a shrouded stranger.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:42:05.790 --> 00:42:09.066 And these are of a person who's half skull,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:42:09.070 --> 00:42:12.813 half living and man who  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:42:12.813 --> 00:42:14.918 sees death is half skull.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:42:14.920 --> 00:42:17.160 Man who knows death, knows he will die,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:42:17.160 --> 00:42:18.640 he knows he will die,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:42:18.640 --> 00:42:20.998 knows death, knows he will die,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:21.000 --> 00:42:22.068 knows he was born.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:22.068 --> 00:42:23.403 He's playing with the idea  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:23.403 --> 00:42:25.120 of a double sided existence.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:25.120 --> 00:42:27.178 And indeed Alan had lived a double  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:27.178 --> 00:42:28.720 sided existence his whole life,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:28.720 --> 00:42:30.274 going in and out of mental hospitals,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:30.280 --> 00:42:33.240 living with Naomi and her  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:33.240 --> 00:42:34.866 serious mental illness,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:34.866 --> 00:42:38.118 her delusions and things like that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:38.120 --> 00:42:39.710 But there are many other people  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:39.710 --> 00:42:41.719 in his life such as Joan Vollmer,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:41.720 --> 00:42:44.420 the wife of William Burrows and.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:44.420 --> 00:42:47.900 Phil Kenosra who are also like  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:47.900 --> 00:42:50.580 tragedies of of madness and who  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:50.580 --> 00:42:52.940 had died and he wrote these lines.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:52.940 --> 00:42:55.180 Many assault gone riding outward on the path,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:55.180 --> 00:42:59.184 many assault on to the jail and

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:42:59.184 --> 00:43:01.986 prison and asylum Okay she's

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:01.986 --> 00:43:04.158 thinking about these things.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:04.160 --> 00:43:05.532 One day in 1955,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:05.532 --> 00:43:08.462 he has no intention of doing anything

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:08.462 --> 00:43:11.012 particularly important and he writes

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:11.012 --> 00:43:13.280 and he does what he usually does,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:13.280 --> 00:43:14.840 what Williams taught him to do.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:14.840 --> 00:43:17.258 He looks through his journal and

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:17.258 --> 00:43:20.160 he sees this line in his journal.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:20.160 --> 00:43:23.232 I saw the best mind Angel

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:23.232 --> 00:43:25.280 headed hipsters damned OK,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:25.280 --> 00:43:27.384 and then he decides to take that line

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:27.384 --> 00:43:29.758 and a break it in two and he wrote.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:29.760 --> 00:43:32.560 I saw the best minds of my generation,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:32.560 --> 00:43:36.728 Generation. Destroyed by madness.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:36.730 --> 00:43:39.054 Now by breaking this original one line  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:39.054 --> 00:43:41.689 entry into two distinct phrase thoughts,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:41.690 --> 00:43:43.406 as he had learned from Williams,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:43.410 --> 00:43:46.274 he put on paper a new and intensely  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:46.274 --> 00:43:48.569 ambivalent but ultimately liberating  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:48.570 --> 00:43:49.866 thought concerning madness.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:49.866 --> 00:43:52.026 It said madness is destructive  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:52.026 --> 00:43:53.690 of our generation,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:53.690 --> 00:43:56.546 but also that madness might be a product  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:56.546 --> 00:43:59.130 of this generation's best minds,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:43:59.130 --> 00:44:00.354 or even conducive.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:00.354 --> 00:44:02.802 To what makes them so remarkable?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:02.810 --> 00:44:04.064 And so he keeps writing and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:04.064 --> 00:44:05.409 he puts it in one line.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:05.410 --> 00:44:08.469 I saw the best minds of my



NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:08.469 --> 00:44:10.570 generation destroyed by madness.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:10.570 --> 00:44:14.406 And so this is like a wonderful

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:14.406 --> 00:44:17.415 plurality of positions that he opens

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:17.415 --> 00:44:20.134 up with respect to madness that

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:20.134 --> 00:44:23.242 he's kind of embracing in this poem

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:23.242 --> 00:44:26.780 and and notice how he also said.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:26.780 --> 00:44:27.908 I saw not.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:27.908 --> 00:44:28.660 I was.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:28.660 --> 00:44:30.652 So he's saying I'm in the position of

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:30.652 --> 00:44:32.536 a witness to all of this happening.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:32.540 --> 00:44:35.980 And so he just opened up this huge,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:35.980 --> 00:44:36.341 like,

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:36.341 --> 00:44:38.868 blank space where he could fill in

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:38.868 --> 00:44:41.701 with all the stories of all the people

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:41.701 --> 00:44:44.459 that he had seen and lived through.

NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535

00:44:44.460 --> 00:44:46.280 And this became howl,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:44:46.280 --> 00:44:49.010 which he wrote in one marathon  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:44:49.105 --> 00:44:52.660 writing session that day.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:44:52.660 --> 00:44:56.428 Let's listen to a little bit of howl.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:44:56.430 --> 00:44:56.762 Oh boy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:44:56.762 --> 00:44:57.094 Oh yeah.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.90020535  
00:44:57.094 --> 00:44:57.426 There we  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:01.190 --> 00:45:05.470 go. How for Carl Solomon.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:05.470 --> 00:45:08.459 I saw the best minds of my  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:08.459 --> 00:45:10.510 generation destroyed by madness,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:10.510 --> 00:45:12.490 Starving, hysterical, naked,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:12.490 --> 00:45:14.470 dragging themselves through  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:14.470 --> 00:45:17.266 the \*\*\*\*\* streets at dawn,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:17.266 --> 00:45:19.726 looking for an angry fix.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:19.730 --> 00:45:22.245 Angel headed hipsters burning for  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346  
00:45:22.245 --> 00:45:24.760 the ancient heavenly connection to

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:24.835 --> 00:45:27.271 the starry Dynamo and the machinery

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:27.271 --> 00:45:30.150 of night who poverty and tatters and

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:30.150 --> 00:45:33.223 hollow eyed and high sat up smoking

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:33.223 --> 00:45:35.558 in the supernatural darkness of

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:35.558 --> 00:45:38.644 cold water flats floating across the

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:38.644 --> 00:45:41.314 tops of cities contemplating jazz.

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:41.320 --> 00:45:43.910 Who bared their brains to heaven under

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:43.910 --> 00:45:47.330 the L and saw Mohammed and angels

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:47.330 --> 00:45:50.115 staggering on tenement roofs illuminated.

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:50.120 --> 00:45:52.180 Who passed through universities

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:52.180 --> 00:45:54.240 with radiant cool eyes,

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:54.240 --> 00:45:57.400 hallucinating Arkansas and Blake light

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:45:57.400 --> 00:46:00.204 tragedy among the scholars of war.

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:00.204 --> 00:46:02.970 Who were expelled from the academies

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:03.056 --> 00:46:05.281 for crazy and publishing obscene

NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:05.281 --> 00:46:08.400 odes on the windows of the skull.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:08.400 --> 00:46:11.837 Who cowered in unshaven rooms in underwear,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:11.840 --> 00:46:14.096 burning their money in wastebaskets and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:14.096 --> 00:46:16.678 listening to the terror through the wall.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:16.680 --> 00:46:19.200 Who got busted in their pubic beards,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:19.200 --> 00:46:20.500 returning through Laredo with  
NOTE Confidence: 0.913464346

00:46:20.500 --> 00:46:21.800 a belt of marrow.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:22.440 --> 00:46:24.995 So I think you can tell that,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:25.000 --> 00:46:26.960 I mean, he's talking about  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:26.960 --> 00:46:28.372 people's real life experiences,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:28.372 --> 00:46:31.360 but this is anything but flat documentation.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:31.360 --> 00:46:34.024 It's outrageous. It's scandalous.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:34.024 --> 00:46:37.470 It's wonderful. It's terrifying.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:37.470 --> 00:46:40.466 And it's really a great liberating document,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:40.470 --> 00:46:43.908 as, as Bob Rosenthal has described,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:43.910 --> 00:46:46.070 there's another section

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:46.070 --> 00:46:49.070 of Howell Howell Part 2.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:49.070 --> 00:46:51.070 Well, actually, before I come to that,

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:51.070 --> 00:46:53.905 these are some of the interesting phrases.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:53.910 --> 00:46:56.706 This, of course, is referring to

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:56.706 --> 00:46:59.481 his own visions who demanded sanity,

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:46:59.481 --> 00:47:02.870 trials accusing the radio of hypnotism.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:02.870 --> 00:47:06.020 That's Naomi who are instead, given the.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:06.020 --> 00:47:07.660 Concrete void of insulin, Metrozol,

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:07.660 --> 00:47:08.796 electricity, hydrotherapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:08.796 --> 00:47:10.797 psychotherapy, ping pong, amnesia.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:10.797 --> 00:47:12.579 That's what he saw at Columbia.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:12.580 --> 00:47:14.620 That's what happened to Carl Solomon.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:14.620 --> 00:47:16.740 This is also Carl Solomon,

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:16.740 --> 00:47:19.140 who is the first patient he met at

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:19.140 --> 00:47:21.356 Columbia and who I also befriended,

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:21.356 --> 00:47:24.124 who threw potato salad at CCNY lectures

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:24.124 --> 00:47:25.984 and Dadaism and substantially presented

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:25.984 --> 00:47:28.475 themselves on the granite steps of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:28.475 --> 00:47:30.443 madhouse with shaven heads and harlekin

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:30.507 --> 00:47:32.699 speech demanding instantaneous lobotomy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:32.700 --> 00:47:34.325 Do you know that people

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:34.325 --> 00:47:35.300 did request lobotomies?

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:35.300 --> 00:47:37.057 Back in that time they would write

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:37.057 --> 00:47:38.461 letters to Walter Friedman begging

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:38.461 --> 00:47:40.255 for lobotomy and begging for their

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:40.255 --> 00:47:41.778 loved ones to get a lobotomy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:41.780 --> 00:47:45.260 So it's actually not completely absurd.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:45.260 --> 00:47:49.388 Part 2 of Howell is dedicated to the

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:49.388 --> 00:47:52.172 Canaanite fire demon Moloch Moloch.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:52.172 --> 00:47:55.628 And and this is where he kind of

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429

00:47:55.628 --> 00:47:58.699 calls out all of the evil behind.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429  
00:47:58.700 --> 00:48:01.372 Institutions that destroy individuals  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429  
00:48:01.372 --> 00:48:05.355 you know and and that you know the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429  
00:48:05.355 --> 00:48:06.935 institutions of destruction ultimately,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429  
00:48:06.940 --> 00:48:10.096 which include those that commit lobotomy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429  
00:48:10.100 --> 00:48:12.380 This is from the Howell film.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.931627828571429  
00:48:12.380 --> 00:48:13.780 I'll just play like a minute of this  
NOTE Confidence: 0.950317  
00:48:18.980 --> 00:48:20.460 James Moloch, whose  
NOTE Confidence: 0.950317  
00:48:20.500 --> 00:48:23.180 eyes are 1000 blind windows.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9628961625  
00:48:26.260 --> 00:48:28.752 Moloch, whose skyscrapers stand in the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9628961625  
00:48:28.752 --> 00:48:31.100 long streets like endless Jehovah's.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9628961625  
00:48:33.300 --> 00:48:35.380 Moloch, whose factories dream  
NOTE Confidence: 0.932202818  
00:48:35.380 --> 00:48:36.780 and croak in the fog.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9440273  
00:48:39.860 --> 00:48:43.460 Moloch, whose love is endless oil and stone.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.85638934  
00:48:45.500 --> 00:48:47.670 Moloch, whose soul is electricity  
NOTE Confidence: 0.85638934  
00:48:47.670 --> 00:48:51.300 and banks. Moloch, whose fate  
NOTE Confidence: 0.926835646666667

00:48:51.300 --> 00:48:53.698 is a cloud of sexless hydrogen.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9179956383333333

00:48:55.710 --> 00:48:59.268 Moloch and whom I sit lonely.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9179956383333333

00:48:59.270 --> 00:49:02.348 Moloch and whom I dream Angels  
NOTE Confidence: 0.950317

00:49:04.790 --> 00:49:09.430 Crazy and Moloch. \*\*\*\*\* and Moloch.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.950317

00:49:09.430 --> 00:49:11.870 Black Love and manless and Moloch.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93270605

00:49:12.710 --> 00:49:13.430 You got the idea.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:17.350 --> 00:49:19.534 So think of how far Ellen  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:19.534 --> 00:49:20.990 went in these years.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:20.990 --> 00:49:23.580 Started with this highly abstract.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:23.580 --> 00:49:25.180 Notion of a new vision,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:25.180 --> 00:49:27.777 then had his own visions and wrote  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:27.777 --> 00:49:30.132 I witnessed heaven and Holy time.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:30.132 --> 00:49:32.512 Then the Shrouded stranger started  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:32.512 --> 00:49:36.180 to kind of drift towards figures that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:36.180 --> 00:49:39.338 were like people in his own life,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824

00:49:39.340 --> 00:49:41.860 and that we're not only an idealized,



NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:41.860 --> 00:49:43.412 romanticized side of madness,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:43.412 --> 00:49:45.740 but a terrifying side of madness.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:45.740 --> 00:49:48.060 And then and then this.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:48.060 --> 00:49:49.624 Brilliance kind of ambivalent  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:49.624 --> 00:49:51.579 statement which became an anthem.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:51.580 --> 00:49:53.309 I saw the best minds of my  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:53.309 --> 00:49:54.500 generation destroyed by madness,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:54.500 --> 00:49:56.740 where he's occupying this position  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:56.740 --> 00:49:59.424 of witness near madness as a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:49:59.424 --> 00:50:01.192 multipotent kind of experience  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:50:01.192 --> 00:50:03.340 which could be anything from  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:50:03.340 --> 00:50:07.180 ecstasy to to terrible destruction.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93622824  
00:50:07.180 --> 00:50:08.860 I think that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219  
00:50:13.980 --> 00:50:17.330 you know. I'm just, I'm just going  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219  
00:50:17.330 --> 00:50:19.430 to wrap it up like this today.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:19.430 --> 00:50:23.028 Alan, like William Blake and other artists,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:23.030 --> 00:50:24.269 didn't romanticize madness.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:24.269 --> 00:50:27.160 I think he knew it could bring  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:27.231 --> 00:50:29.889 devastating suffering and it and but  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:29.889 --> 00:50:32.542 he also believed that to reject madness  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:32.542 --> 00:50:35.587 was to reject like an essential life  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:35.587 --> 00:50:38.190 force because it comes in multiples,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:38.190 --> 00:50:41.148 allowing different connections to be made.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:41.150 --> 00:50:42.539 Madness creates possibilities  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:42.539 --> 00:50:44.854 and its survivors and witnesses.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:44.860 --> 00:50:46.978 For new meanings, identities and outcomes.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:46.980 --> 00:50:49.458 And Alan opened these doors for us.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:49.460 --> 00:50:52.700 So to learn from Alan is to accept,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:52.700 --> 00:50:55.451 and this is a quote from the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:55.451 --> 00:50:57.500 from the end of Howl.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:50:57.500 --> 00:51:00.180 But the bums as holy as the seraphim,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:00.180 --> 00:51:03.780 The madman is holy as you are my

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:03.780 --> 00:51:06.860 soul as you my soul are holy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:06.860 --> 00:51:09.044 And to walk with Alan is to

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:09.044 --> 00:51:10.856 believe that madness within us and

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:10.856 --> 00:51:12.900 around us is sacred and should be

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:12.962 --> 00:51:14.947 handled with care and reverence.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:14.950 --> 00:51:16.134 So I'll stop there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:16.134 --> 00:51:16.430 Thanks.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:16.430 --> 00:51:16.630 It's a

NOTE Confidence: 0.94025356

00:51:25.280 --> 00:51:28.226 very nice cool game though.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94025356

00:51:28.226 --> 00:51:30.600 Thanks. Questions for Dr. Wine.

NOTE Confidence: 0.948639701666667

00:51:39.290 --> 00:51:42.326 Thank you, Steve. That was wonderful.

NOTE Confidence: 0.948639701666667

00:51:42.330 --> 00:51:46.410 I was struck rereading how by

NOTE Confidence: 0.948639701666667

00:51:46.410 --> 00:51:50.390 the incredible profusion of

NOTE Confidence: 0.948639701666667

00:51:50.390 --> 00:51:53.810 visual images and. I wonder if

NOTE Confidence: 0.941930833333333

00:51:53.930 --> 00:51:55.490 in the course of your thinking  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9419308333333333

00:51:55.490 --> 00:51:58.328 about his talk therapy, if  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:51:58.330 --> 00:52:00.480 you had any sense that I don't  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9352219

00:52:00.480 --> 00:52:02.010 know if he was on a couch  
NOTE Confidence: 0.5731540666666667

00:52:02.010 --> 00:52:03.910 and free associating or doing a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.5731540666666667

00:52:03.910 --> 00:52:06.530 Visa V therapy or what some of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.5731540666666667

00:52:06.530 --> 00:52:08.090 the therapist notes might say,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.5731540666666667

00:52:08.090 --> 00:52:11.088 but I just wonder if they captured  
NOTE Confidence: 0.5731540666666667

00:52:11.090 --> 00:52:13.730 and if that process facilitated  
NOTE Confidence: 0.5731540666666667

00:52:14.250 --> 00:52:16.890 his incredible visual imagination.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:20.250 --> 00:52:22.910 Well, I mean, Alan.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:22.910 --> 00:52:27.510 Had an extraordinary imagination  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:27.510 --> 00:52:30.708 that he brought to, you know,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:30.710 --> 00:52:35.470 the his experience of psychotherapy  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:35.470 --> 00:52:36.726 and to everything else.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:36.726 --> 00:52:39.436 And and this is a person who was

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:39.436 --> 00:52:40.928 always writing, always reading.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:40.928 --> 00:52:44.350 He was a great fan of the visual arts.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:44.350 --> 00:52:47.430 He went to the museum all the time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:47.430 --> 00:52:49.545 He took it all in and then he was,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:49.550 --> 00:52:50.950 you know, amongst the cohort

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:50.950 --> 00:52:52.350 of friends that were sharing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:52.350 --> 00:52:53.104 These things,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:53.104 --> 00:52:55.366 I think the big challenge was

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:55.366 --> 00:52:58.012 like how to shape it, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:52:58.012 --> 00:53:00.838 and how to integrate that with

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:00.838 --> 00:53:03.260 the real hard experiences that he

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:03.260 --> 00:53:05.630 was facing in his personal life.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:05.630 --> 00:53:08.336 And I think that's where the

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:08.336 --> 00:53:11.866 therapy was helpful to him.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:11.870 --> 00:53:15.550 One I think, I think the therapy helped

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:15.550 --> 00:53:19.468 him to to understand how to be safe.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:19.470 --> 00:53:21.634 I believe he would have killed himself.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:21.634 --> 00:53:25.530 Or been in some other car crash or something.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:25.530 --> 00:53:27.210 Like many young people,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:27.210 --> 00:53:29.490 you know, he was tempting,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:29.490 --> 00:53:30.450 tempting fate,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:30.450 --> 00:53:35.463 and it got him to step away from kind of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:35.463 --> 00:53:38.450 direct involvement in criminal activity  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:38.450 --> 00:53:42.650 or other suicidal ideas that he had.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:42.650 --> 00:53:45.640 It also challenged him to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:45.640 --> 00:53:48.630 reject like a dichotomized by.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:48.630 --> 00:53:49.930 In the wrong word,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:49.930 --> 00:53:51.230 dichotomize notions of madness,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:51.230 --> 00:53:52.554 either sane or insane,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:52.554 --> 00:53:55.118 and to see many a whole spectrum  
NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:55.118 --> 00:53:57.830 of of possibilities it also.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:53:57.830 --> 00:54:00.650 They also encouraged him not

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:00.650 --> 00:54:02.750 to be like too grandiose.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:02.750 --> 00:54:04.622 It's what you do with it in your art,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:04.630 --> 00:54:07.066 and also not to be too possessive

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:07.070 --> 00:54:08.096 of the vision,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:08.096 --> 00:54:10.148 which is something that he would

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:10.150 --> 00:54:12.630 ultimately learn also through Buddhism,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:12.630 --> 00:54:15.348 which Kerouac helped to teach him,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:15.350 --> 00:54:15.890 don't.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:15.890 --> 00:54:19.130 Don't be possessive of that experience.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:19.130 --> 00:54:22.130 Is that kind of kind of defeat it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:22.130 --> 00:54:24.370 So these were the things he learned.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:24.370 --> 00:54:25.970 He he did art therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:25.970 --> 00:54:28.445 He learned that he wasn't a very good artist.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869440325

00:54:28.450 --> 00:54:30.610 But he had fun doing that

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:32.770 --> 00:54:35.610 and and I think it meant a lot to him,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:35.610 --> 00:54:38.978 that the psychiatrist took  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:38.978 --> 00:54:41.450 his poetry seriously.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:41.450 --> 00:54:43.424 He brought the poetry to the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:43.424 --> 00:54:45.420 meetings and he read it there.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:45.420 --> 00:54:47.420 And he got good feedback.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:47.420 --> 00:54:49.364 His first ever poetry reading was at the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:49.364 --> 00:54:51.299 New York State Psychiatric Institute.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:51.300 --> 00:54:53.580 At there, like, they did a case conference  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:53.580 --> 00:54:55.935 on every patient and he read his poetry.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:55.940 --> 00:54:57.020 I described that in the book,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:57.020 --> 00:54:58.896 and that meant a lot to him.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:54:58.900 --> 00:55:00.460 It was in New York City,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:00.460 --> 00:55:01.405 at Columbia University.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:01.405 --> 00:55:02.980 He he was all in.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:02.980 --> 00:55:05.380 You know, it was great.



NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:05.380 --> 00:55:07.978 One more short question is there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:07.980 --> 00:55:10.766 Something that we know about why it

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:10.766 --> 00:55:13.460 was Alan rather than his father giving

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:13.460 --> 00:55:15.820 permission for Naomi's lobotomy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:15.820 --> 00:55:18.375 His parents were divorced at that time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:18.380 --> 00:55:20.372 Alan for a long time had

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:20.372 --> 00:55:21.700 basically been the caregiver.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:21.700 --> 00:55:23.940 Alan was the only one that she

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:23.940 --> 00:55:25.668 trusted and you know, Alan.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:25.668 --> 00:55:27.780 Alan was like living with her

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:27.855 --> 00:55:29.939 within her delusional system.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:29.940 --> 00:55:32.380 He didn't really challenge her

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:32.380 --> 00:55:34.921 on that and which I think had

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:34.921 --> 00:55:37.398 a big impact on him as well.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:37.400 --> 00:55:38.996 You can imagine what that's like,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:39.000 --> 00:55:39.936 how difficult it is.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:39.936 --> 00:55:41.340 He was always trying to kind  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:41.388 --> 00:55:42.200 of calm her down,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:42.200 --> 00:55:44.975 talk her down without full  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:44.975 --> 00:55:46.640 on challenging her.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:46.640 --> 00:55:49.280 So it came to him and he did it alone,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:49.280 --> 00:55:51.680 and he was 22 years old.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:51.680 --> 00:55:53.399 Another remarkable fact.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:53.399 --> 00:55:53.972 Okay.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:53.972 --> 00:55:58.577 How is it that a person could be  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:55:58.577 --> 00:56:01.080 admitted to another state hospital in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:01.080 --> 00:56:02.880 New York State Psychiatric Institute?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:02.880 --> 00:56:04.686 And the topic of the lobotomy  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:04.686 --> 00:56:06.510 of the mother never comes up?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:06.510 --> 00:56:07.755 Never is addressed,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:07.755 --> 00:56:09.830 never is addressed in therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:09.830 --> 00:56:12.590 Never, never is addressed as a,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:12.590 --> 00:56:13.156 you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:13.156 --> 00:56:15.790 in relation to the visions and all of that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:15.790 --> 00:56:18.166 I think that that shows that's

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:18.166 --> 00:56:19.750 one of the limitations.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:19.750 --> 00:56:23.110 And you know there there isn't a concept

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:23.110 --> 00:56:26.590 of medical trauma or trauma informed care.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:26.590 --> 00:56:29.348 The closest any of those psychiatrists could

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:29.348 --> 00:56:32.746 come to that as the notion of genital shock,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:32.750 --> 00:56:34.736 just seeing the,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:34.736 --> 00:56:36.060 seeing the.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:36.060 --> 00:56:38.394 Seeing adult sexuality which which and

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:38.394 --> 00:56:40.940 his mother making sexual demands on him.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:40.940 --> 00:56:43.033 They were a little bit too obsessed

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:43.033 --> 00:56:45.011 with sexuality as were a lot of

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:45.011 --> 00:56:46.535 therapists in that in that age.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:46.540 --> 00:56:49.739 But nonetheless it was helpful to him.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:49.740 --> 00:56:52.740 He did some unburdening and

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:52.740 --> 00:56:55.980 he felt he got support.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:55.980 --> 00:56:58.660 Yes Address Steve thank you so much

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:58.660 --> 00:56:59.766 for a wonderful wonderful talk.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:56:59.766 --> 00:57:00.019 I'm.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:00.020 --> 00:57:00.990 I'm very much looking forward

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:00.990 --> 00:57:02.266 to reading the book.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:02.266 --> 00:57:03.482 And already with what you

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:03.482 --> 00:57:04.740 shared with us today,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:04.740 --> 00:57:07.350 two other books come to mind

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:07.350 --> 00:57:09.590 about poets and asylums.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:09.590 --> 00:57:10.710 I'm sure that there are many others,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:10.710 --> 00:57:13.110 but you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:57:13.110 --> 00:57:14.670 Ezra Pound very famously

NOTE Confidence: 0.93220288

00:57:14.670 --> 00:57:15.390 and there was a book,

NOTE Confidence: 0.93220288

00:57:15.390 --> 00:57:18.548 but probably the the book on

NOTE Confidence: 0.962057633333333

00:57:18.590 --> 00:57:20.454 Robert Lowell written by

NOTE Confidence: 0.962057633333333

00:57:20.454 --> 00:57:21.386 another psychologist,

NOTE Confidence: 0.962057633333333

00:57:21.390 --> 00:57:22.788 mental health professional,

NOTE Confidence: 0.962057633333333

00:57:22.790 --> 00:57:24.282 I I wondered, I think that

NOTE Confidence: 0.962057633333333

00:57:24.282 --> 00:57:25.106 there's a connection somewhere

NOTE Confidence: 0.942083309090909

00:57:25.110 --> 00:57:26.750 there, but I don't know if these books

NOTE Confidence: 0.942083309090909

00:57:26.750 --> 00:57:28.595 have influenced you, if you have,

NOTE Confidence: 0.942083309090909

00:57:28.595 --> 00:57:30.670 if there's any connection there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942083309090909

00:57:30.670 --> 00:57:31.530 And thank you again for

NOTE Confidence: 0.942083309090909

00:57:31.530 --> 00:57:33.060 the great talk. Thanks.

NOTE Confidence: 0.95031693

00:57:35.300 --> 00:57:37.140 I'm familiar with those books,

NOTE Confidence: 0.95031693

00:57:37.140 --> 00:57:40.338 not a direct connection for me.

NOTE Confidence: 0.95031693

00:57:40.340 --> 00:57:44.240 I was taken by a book and the the work

NOTE Confidence: 0.95031693

00:57:44.240 --> 00:57:46.778 done on Anne Sexton by Diane Millbrook.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.95031693

00:57:46.778 --> 00:57:50.123 I think it's a very good book and that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.95031693

00:57:50.123 --> 00:57:52.425 book also had psychotherapy progress  
NOTE Confidence: 0.95031693

00:57:52.425 --> 00:57:56.055 notes and that that seemed important.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.95031693

00:57:56.060 --> 00:57:57.380 I like that quite a bit.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.93019015

00:58:00.660 --> 00:58:00.780 The.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:03.530 --> 00:58:07.490 I don't know. I was I I I think I didn't have  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:07.490 --> 00:58:11.130 any direct model that I that I took from.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:11.130 --> 00:58:12.378 That was one of the biggest  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:12.378 --> 00:58:13.450 challenges of writing the book,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:13.450 --> 00:58:16.345 which is of how to how to capture  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:16.345 --> 00:58:17.805 what happened in psychotherapy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:17.810 --> 00:58:21.534 To make it interesting for the reader  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:21.534 --> 00:58:24.987 to get for the drama and the story of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:24.987 --> 00:58:28.970 it and to not get too bogged down in,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:28.970 --> 00:58:30.258 you know, professional jargon.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:30.258 --> 00:58:33.470 And I think it, I think it comes out

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:33.470 --> 00:58:36.589 pretty well you you feel like you were

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:36.590 --> 00:58:38.462 you feel like you're in the room of that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:38.470 --> 00:58:41.755 And I and I think despite the limitations

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:41.755 --> 00:58:44.881 of psychotherapy of that era good

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:44.881 --> 00:58:47.587 stuff happened. They helped him and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:47.590 --> 00:58:50.198 And I wanted that to become clear.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:50.198 --> 00:58:53.462 Yeah. And that was one of my the

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:53.462 --> 00:58:55.631 important conclusions I think from

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:55.631 --> 00:58:59.218 this book which is he was really in a.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:58:59.220 --> 00:59:01.220 Vulnerable position in those years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:01.220 --> 00:59:02.900 It could have gone either way.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:02.900 --> 00:59:04.660 Yes, he was brilliant,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:04.660 --> 00:59:05.740 but, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:05.740 --> 00:59:07.980 there was also this family history and,

NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:07.980 --> 00:59:10.868 you know, no question that he has some  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:10.868 --> 00:59:12.420 genetic predisposition to psychosis.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:12.420 --> 00:59:15.790 And it was not a foreseen conclusion  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:15.790 --> 00:59:17.569 that he was going to become a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:17.569 --> 00:59:18.617 National Book Award winner.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:18.620 --> 00:59:23.100 And, you know, write these remarkable poems.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:23.100 --> 00:59:27.876 And so, you know, I wanted to understand.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:27.880 --> 00:59:30.904 The work that he did either in the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:30.904 --> 00:59:33.516 hospital with his therapist or with  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:33.516 --> 00:59:36.483 his friends and family that helped him  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:36.483 --> 00:59:39.044 to recover and get on the right track  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:39.044 --> 00:59:41.999 and then to make use of this experience  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:41.999 --> 00:59:45.296 which which which he did and he by  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:45.296 --> 00:59:48.298 embracing it and and finding a way to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:48.298 --> 00:59:51.077 write poetry to get art done from it.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92817752

00:59:51.080 --> 00:59:52.560 And so



NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

00:59:55.160 --> 00:59:58.256 that this is a little bit different from.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

00:59:58.260 --> 01:00:01.120 I think the kind of mythic notion

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:01.120 --> 01:00:04.620 of Alan Alan's birth as a poet

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:04.620 --> 01:00:07.820 prophet that he in a way promoted.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:07.820 --> 01:00:10.259 With this I heard the voice of William Blake.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:10.260 --> 01:00:13.656 He was anointed as Blake's follower.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:13.660 --> 01:00:15.545 He immediately had this heavenly

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:15.545 --> 01:00:18.140 connection and he just did his thing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:18.140 --> 01:00:21.060 This became a very important birth

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:21.060 --> 01:00:23.700 story to give during the psychedelic

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:23.700 --> 01:00:26.977 era when he and Timothy Leary were.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:26.980 --> 01:00:30.620 Selling LSD to everybody.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:30.620 --> 01:00:33.262 And it was it gave him St. cred, right?

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:33.262 --> 01:00:35.990 It's like I could be the Pied Piper

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:36.070 --> 01:00:38.416 for the LSD revolution because I,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:38.420 --> 01:00:42.098 I, William Blake is my father.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:42.100 --> 01:00:43.420 But it wasn't that simple.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:43.420 --> 01:00:45.534 It was a dozen years of work,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:45.540 --> 01:00:49.146 including, you know, a lot of.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:49.150 --> 01:00:51.414 Dealing with traumatic memories  
NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:51.414 --> 01:00:52.546 and experiences,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:52.550 --> 01:00:54.390 family troubles and all that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:54.390 --> 01:00:58.068 Homosexuality I haven't even talked about.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.941511525

01:00:58.070 --> 01:00:59.547 So he did a lot of work.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:02.150 --> 01:01:06.070 I the only part of it that I didn't get,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:06.070 --> 01:01:08.125 the part of it I didn't get  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:08.125 --> 01:01:09.625 to share with him ever,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:09.630 --> 01:01:11.310 was the part about Naomi,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:11.310 --> 01:01:12.850 about Naomi's sexual abuse.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:12.850 --> 01:01:16.050 I think that he would have very much  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:16.050 --> 01:01:19.800 been interested in that, I told Lyle.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:19.800 --> 01:01:24.010 Brooks, his nephew, a few weeks ago,

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:24.010 --> 01:01:26.290 because I wanted him to hear it from

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:26.290 --> 01:01:30.124 me rather than to read it in the book.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:30.130 --> 01:01:32.426 I think it would have given Alan

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:32.426 --> 01:01:34.418 some perspective on his own kind

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:34.418 --> 01:01:36.870 of sexuality hang ups and problems

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:36.870 --> 01:01:39.600 of which there were There were

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:39.695 --> 01:01:41.850 quite a few and and so I think he

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:41.850 --> 01:01:42.930 would have wanted to know that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:42.930 --> 01:01:46.386 So I'm I regret that I I never got to

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:46.386 --> 01:01:49.349 him in time with that part of the story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:49.350 --> 01:01:51.134 Well, you know as part of our

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:51.134 --> 01:01:51.606 Ground Round series,

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:51.606 --> 01:01:53.283 you try to highlight talks that look

NOTE Confidence: 0.911968075

01:01:53.283 --> 01:01:55.110 at the intersection of the arts and

NOTE Confidence: 0.94293728

01:01:55.790 --> 01:01:58.049 and and mental health and I think this is  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94293728

01:01:58.049 --> 01:02:00.586 a wonderful contribution to that series.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94293728

01:02:00.590 --> 01:02:01.894 So thank you so much Doctor White  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94293728

01:02:01.894 --> 01:02:03.469 for a really thoughtful and moving  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895646846666667

01:02:03.470 --> 01:02:04.790 talks. Thank you.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9301903

01:02:08.990 --> 01:02:10.146 And if anyone would like to stay,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9402537125

01:02:10.150 --> 01:02:11.350 please feel free if anyone has to leave.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9402537125

01:02:11.350 --> 01:02:12.961 But if anyone else would like to stay and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9402537125

01:02:12.961 --> 01:02:14.468 continue the conversation, please do stay  
NOTE Confidence: 0.935222016666667

01:02:15.110 --> 01:02:18.008 happy to hang out and talk.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.935222016666667

01:02:18.010 --> 01:02:19.514 So there's Dave Forrest.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.935222016666667

01:02:19.514 --> 01:02:20.730 Hi, David. How you doing?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.950317

01:02:23.130 --> 01:02:24.408 David Forrest was  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9402536

01:02:24.970 --> 01:02:25.730 very well. Thank you,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94427896

01:02:25.730 --> 01:02:27.290 Steve, and a wonderful talk  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727

01:02:27.770 --> 01:02:29.250 at Columbia. And there Nancy

NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:29.250 --> 01:02:31.010 Olson is in the audience too.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:31.010 --> 01:02:31.898 You can't see Nancy,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:31.898 --> 01:02:33.634 if you come up here, you could,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:33.634 --> 01:02:36.066 you could see David is a psychiatrist  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:36.066 --> 01:02:37.936 and psychoanalyst at Columbia who  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:37.936 --> 01:02:40.171 was my mentor at Columbia at the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:40.171 --> 01:02:42.049 time I started doing this work.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:42.050 --> 01:02:42.628 And David?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:42.628 --> 01:02:45.690 Has done a lot of work on EE Cummings.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.911147527272727  
01:02:45.690 --> 01:02:46.770 Here's Nancy Olson.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94226628  
01:02:47.890 --> 01:02:49.623 Hi, David. Nancy, I remember seeing  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94226628  
01:02:49.623 --> 01:02:52.370 you back then meeting you back then.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87404593  
01:02:54.530 --> 01:02:56.650 Anyways, great to see you. Let  
NOTE Confidence: 0.932426511111111  
01:02:56.650 --> 01:02:57.928 me I just want to say one thing which  
NOTE Confidence: 0.932426511111111  
01:02:57.930 --> 01:02:59.530 is interesting, I think for everyone.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.932426511111111

01:02:59.530 --> 01:03:00.690 I don't know how many people there  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9469625333333333

01:03:00.690 --> 01:03:01.689 are students, but  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9436080666666667

01:03:03.090 --> 01:03:05.250 it is interesting that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.919398648

01:03:05.250 --> 01:03:09.462 Allen had this special trust in Steven  
NOTE Confidence: 0.919398648

01:03:09.462 --> 01:03:12.990 as a young medical student. Really.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.919398648

01:03:12.990 --> 01:03:17.080 Untrained but a fresh mind and I had  
NOTE Confidence: 0.919398648

01:03:17.080 --> 01:03:18.780 a similar experience with Cummings  
NOTE Confidence: 0.919398648

01:03:18.780 --> 01:03:21.300 who at the time I was writing a thesis  
NOTE Confidence: 0.919398648

01:03:21.300 --> 01:03:23.738 about him at Princeton. Wouldn't  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9452853

01:03:23.740 --> 01:03:25.140 talk to any academics  
NOTE Confidence: 0.934834846153846

01:03:25.900 --> 01:03:28.159 but he befriended me and he helped me a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.934834846153846

01:03:28.159 --> 01:03:31.220 great deal with my with my thesis which  
NOTE Confidence: 0.934834846153846

01:03:31.820 --> 01:03:34.020 got a lot of attention because of that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.934834846153846

01:03:34.020 --> 01:03:36.530 and I think it's very inspiring and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.934834846153846

01:03:36.530 --> 01:03:38.618 and the message should be promulgated  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94780115

01:03:38.620 --> 01:03:39.900 to young students that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

01:03:41.480 --> 01:03:43.410 Don't wait until you are

NOTE Confidence: 0.943608066666667

01:03:43.410 --> 01:03:44.760 August and credentialed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.926835733333333

01:03:45.480 --> 01:03:46.038 But if you

NOTE Confidence: 0.941371755555556

01:03:46.040 --> 01:03:48.125 have a chance to meet

NOTE Confidence: 0.941371755555556

01:03:48.125 --> 01:03:49.793 and talk with remarkable

NOTE Confidence: 0.95283285

01:03:49.800 --> 01:03:51.760 people of your generation,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941801815384615

01:03:52.520 --> 01:03:53.990 you might be surprised that not

NOTE Confidence: 0.941801815384615

01:03:53.990 --> 01:03:55.920 only will they be interested in you,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941801815384615

01:03:55.920 --> 01:03:57.318 but that you can help them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941801815384615

01:03:57.320 --> 01:03:58.700 Just as sometimes we have patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.941801815384615

01:03:58.700 --> 01:04:00.160 who are helped by the medical

NOTE Confidence: 0.91695088

01:04:00.160 --> 01:04:01.480 student more than the attending.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94427896

01:04:04.120 --> 01:04:05.520 Thank you for sharing that, David.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93270605

01:04:08.120 --> 01:04:10.280 All right, nice to see you and all.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93270605

01:04:10.280 --> 01:04:11.670 We'll be in touch. Yeah.