

**July 20, 2020**

(1) *Hamilton* by Ron Chernow (2) *The Berenstain Bears* (3) J—'s Arroz con Pollo (4) Tomato plant, bearing fruit (5) Ibuprofen (6) Second cup of coffee at midday (7) KN-95 masks (8) *Passing* by Nella Larsen (9) Purple cabbage (10) Mustard (11) Mustard slaw (12) Cooking ribs (13) *Homage to Bunyan's BBQ in Florence, AL (which I miss terribly)* (14) My new green composition notebook, wherein I write down all my feelings (15) *Feelings* (16) *The Silver Moon: Lullabies and Cradle Songs*, written by Jack Prelutsky and illustrated by Jui Ishida (17) Things coming into (some) focus (18) Being on Twitter much, much less (19) Reading actual books (as opposed to digital ones) (20) That one Leslie Odom Jr. quote about how most of us are really Aaron Burrs (21) Leslie Odom Jr. (22) Starting to come to terms with all the ways I'm an Aaron Burr (23) Aaron Burr was Vice President of the United States, for goodness sake, so coming to terms with all the ways I'm no Aaron Burr either (24) My nighttime routine (25) Thinking about how all the art I love is a mash-up of disparate elements (e.g., Jeff Mangum reads *The Diary of Anne Frank* and somehow comes up with *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea* .. or Lin-Manuel Miranda reads Chernow's *Hamilton* and somehow comes up with a hip-hop musical .. or Sturgill Simpson, from *High Top Mountain* all the way through to *Sound & Fury*, with all the coal songs and Motown horns and anime and homages to Kurt Cobain and *When In Rome* and hallucinogens .. also the Bible and Zadie Smith and etc ..) (26) Thinking about how I love art (How did that happen, I wonder?) (27) The dream I had last night in which no one was wearing a mask and everyone (me included) was dancing and it wasn't menacing or scary or irresponsible at all -- it was deliverance, redemption, release .. from the other side of something (28) Praying (29) Reading with my son (30) Not (always) trying (so hard) .. also knowing that not all trying is "Trying" (i.e., effort + experimentation)