

How the Other Half Lives

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Most of life, it
turns out,
is pathetic.
Very little is funny.

We have to generate our
own laughter.
Canned laughter
may have to do.

Even if we have to carry
the can around our neck
like a Saint Bernard
or strapped to our
hip like a mother
with a 2-year old brat
who's acting up.

When they asked,
Didn't I want to see how the other half lives?
my only response was,
"The other half of what?"

