**Touchscreen**

Introducing the new Apple I person complete with multitouch  
doesn’t it feel good to touch?  
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compatible with your iPod and your iPad  
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your life is an app  
your strife is an app  
your wife is an app  
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my world has become so digital  
I have forgotten what that feels like it was difficult to connect when friends formed clicks  
now it’s even more difficult to connect  
now that cliques form friends  
But who am I to judge  
I face Facebook  
more than books face me  
hoping to  
book face-to-faces  
update my status  
420 spaces  
to prove I’m still breathing  
failure to do this daily  
means my whole web wide world would forget that I exist  
but with 3000 friends online  
only five I can count in real life  
why wouldn’t I spend more time in a world where there are more people that ‘like’ me  
Wouldn’t you?  
Here, it doesn’t matter  
if I’m an amateur person  
as long as I have a ‘pro’ file  
my smile is 50% genuine  
50% genuine HD  
You would need Blu-rays to read what is really me  
but I’m not that focused  
10 tabs open  
hopin’  
my problems are resolved with a 1500 by 1600 resolution  
provin’ there is an error in this evolution  
doubled over we used to sit in treetops  
till we swung down to stand upright  
then someone slipped a disc  
now we’re doubled over at desktops from the garden of Eden  
to the branches of Macintosh  
apple picking has always come at a great cost  
iPod iMac iPhone iChat  
I can do all of these things without making eye contact  
We used to sprint to pick and store blackberries  
now we run to the sprint store to pick Blackberries  
it’s scary  
can’t hear the sound of mother nature speaking over all this tweeting  
and our ability to feel along with it is fleeting  
You’d think these headphone jacks inject into flesh  
the way we connect to disconnect  
power on  
till we are powerless  
they have us love drugged  
Like e-pills  
so we E\*TRADE  
email  
e-motion  
like e-commerce  
because now money can buy love  
for 995 a month  
click  
to proceed to checkout  
click  
to x out where our hearts once where  
click  
I’ve uploaded this hug I hope she gets it  
click  
I’m spending time with my wife I hope she’s logged in  
click  
I’m holding my daughter over a Skype conference call while she’s crying in the crib in the next room  
click  
so when my phone goes off of my hip iTouch iTouch iTouch and iTouch because in a world  
Where laughter is never heard  
And voices are only read  
we’re so desperate to feel  
that we hope our Technologic can reverse the universe  
until the screens touch us back  
and maybe one day they will  
when our technology is advanced enough …  
to make us human again

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