

the number of times

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a poem

about the number of hours of sleep i got

about the number of people i see on campus that look like me

about the number of people i see trying to make a change

5?

12?

15?

24?

there could be more.

another stanza

about the number of times i've heard a slur

about the number of times i've seen someone fall off a bike

about the number of times i've heard someone acting racist, misogynistic, sexist, unkind

too many.

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too many times.

too many numbers for this poem to rhyme.