it must take dedication to do something 500 times

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love

for I'd never wish
500 lifetimes on someone
or 500 months,
500 weeks,
500 days,
500 hours,
500 minutes
if they didn't
want for them

this is my 500th poem

it's been six years

and I am still sitting at the same table writing on the same typewriter beneath the same moon listening to same midnight silence

but so much has changed so much as been said and there's so much more to go

like a child facing a new world
the sun coming through the cracks in my fingers
I say,
ready or not
here I come