

Misfortune Cookies

Put Down the Bucket List?

Don't focus on long-term goals
in the coming week
because I have not met
short-term goals even for today
which loom like stumbling blocks
en route to fulfilling my bucket list.

I'll try taking one step at a time
until I can envision my long-term goal.
I might never live long enough
to reach completion of a distant project.
But one byte at a time
I might finish a book.

First I might decide
if I have a long-term goal—or many.
What would it be
and is it up to me to achieve it?

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1. From workshop by Stephanie Lenox on Public Acts of Poetry.
2. Have a fortune cookie for each poet.
3. Crack open the fortune cookie and read the message.
4. Make it negative for tension.
5. The poet gains access to the negative spaces of the subject where the mystery lies.
6. My fortune read: Focus on long-term goals in the coming week.