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we are operating with; either people pay thousands for a luxe mental health package, or they get shuffled into regular facilities that do not provide nearly the same experience.

As my social theory professor once said, healthcare in America is a consumer good rather than a right of citizenship. If we're going to treat mental health care as something people can buy as opposed to something people inherently deserve, we could at least diversify the marketplace so anyone can choose a high-quality program within their price range.

No one invites mental illness to come in and disturb their lives. So what makes a wealthy woman from Queens deserve excellent care more than depressed, black college kid or a homeless, schizophrenic man chasing pigeons in Boston Common?

The mind does not discriminate in betraying someone, neither should we in helping people heal.

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*let this be a gentle reminder  
you can't wait for life to bloom for you  
you have worlds to conquer in the meantime*

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