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The Happy Poet

Gordon, Paul. *The Happy Poet.* Austin: St. Chris Film, 2010. HD, 85 min.

> *The Happy Poet* is an all-organic, mostly vegetarian comedy about Bill, a struggling poet who pours his heart, soul, and last few dollars into starting a healthy food stand, surprising friends and customers with his dry wit and offbeat passion. Motivated by help from a rag-tag group of supporters and a budding romance with a poetry-loving customer, Bill strives to make a difference in the world, until surprising complications jeopardize his new friendships and threaten Bill's dreams for a hot dog-free future. *The Happy Poet* cleverly re-works the classic American film story of the underdog struggling against the system, adding a dose of deadpan humor and a fresh take on a young generation's interest in the intersection of a social conscience and the food we eat. (Source: Official Film Website)

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- Fast Food Nation (Film Profile) https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/fast-food-nation
- McLibel (Film Profile) https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/mclibel

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