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I.

Anxious fumbling.

Lips and hands and nerves and zippers.

Fear and wonder and guilt and pleasure.

Rough carpet scraping

the parts of me that are

uncovered.

Hot breath fogs the windows of a borrowed car.

The strange and exhilarating departure from innocence.

Thrust into the newness of everything,

parts of him opening to me that I fear and crave;

my softest parts are exposed.

A small drive to get coffee, two minutes from home

strong smell of chocolate

and espresso make the car feel warmer.

Wondering if this is what it feels like to be grown up

and hoping it is.

Black and still on the road that we go

but we play loud music and sing

about mosquitoes and libidos, some of the only words that we understand but we

love it and that kind of thing is something else that glues us together.

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