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## Riding with Gary

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## RIDING WITH GARY

With Gary it was always a wild ride.

Life flying by in crazy hysterical star-spinning delight  
of joy-riding teens on a hot summer night.  
Arms reaching, frenzied shouts,  
then barreling down and  
bottoming out.

Dirty work gone in the rear-view mirror,  
drywall dust pasted on sweat-damp skin,  
All pain puffed away in cigarette smoke,  
Care washed away by whiskey's icy burn,  
and whites and wine.

All night we breathed the melodied air  
and strummed and sang and swelled  
with twisted harmonies,  
laughed with drunken madness  
and ecstatic music-making,  
raucous revelry –  
a horrible din  
impossibly bad  
guitars and voices hopelessly out of tune.

Speeding country lanes alive with clattering gravel through woods a blur.  
Blasting radio road tunes as we  
danced with danger  
careened  
around  
corners  
cool wind in our streaming hair.

City lights sparkling, we  
cruised the neighborhood low and slow

