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Back Cover Your hand

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it looked like you were reaching
for me
outside your stale sheets
and sore skin
to take you away
from this life sucking place-
back to riverbeds and dirt roads
to where your dusty tools sit
cold on shelves
next to oil drenched rags
stiffened with neglect
from those aged hands of yours.

everything misses you
even the dead stuffed animal heads
that hover restlessly above your tv
chair waiting for you
to come home
and catch up on the news-
so much has happened since you've been gone.



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