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DRIVING HOME

12:02 am on Friday

Doing 63, trying to be
less late.

A smile for
Mr. Pushover.
The skin pulls tight on my forehead.
The place where a kiss had once been,
given to remind me to drive carefully.

At home
I hold my sweater to my cheek
and a whiff of cologne misses
you.

A whim.
I pull polar bear Phred Phredd into the cold
vastness of a single bed.
Not quite the same.
It will have to do, I mindsigh,
as I turn to dreams of Uncle Remus
and sofas for
two.

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