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TRANSITION
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This is a good day.
There is something on the radio
that plunges
straight through you, then
jumps back out
from your eyes as hope.
What lies at the end of hope?
Count yourself lucky –
you have forgotten.
“That’s a nice song. What is it?”
“I don’t remember.”
But you do. You heard it
before, not just the words
or the melody
or even that voice
like a heart on a tightrope,
but what you felt
when the song first played,
the day you drove home
from work and a week had
passed into the marriage.
The slow flowering of surprise
within you over how,
for once,
your luck has lasted this long.
“Going to buy something.
Will be back soon.”
What lies at the end of hope?

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