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THE ONE ITEM ON HER BUCKET LIST IS TO BACK A CAR  
THROUGH A GARAGE DOOR

Barbara is ninety-one and wants  
as any of us do, to bust through

a door. Considered it  
my entire life, she says.

I ask her why  
& where the urge dug in.

It's not about sex, she says,  
my husband has been dead forever

I don't care for that sort of thing.  
It's neither violence nor

the heart pacing ruddy in her—  
vague eagerness to attend

some shattered space. I offer  
to blame war, or American

tastes for bad tradition.  
But Barbara knows something

about the black-quiet  
garage and an engine's fixed potential.

Each time, she talks  
herself out of it. Oh sure, she says, I guess

love is kind of like that  
but nothing is symbolic, I just want

to blast a hole  
through that fucking door.