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NIGHT RIDE HOME

My brother would call to say
keep me awake

or
help me, Obi Wan Kenobi,
you're my only hope

He'd say, *I'm driving home*
& I'd think where is that today?

Examples:

We'd watch Stars Wars every
Christmas Eve waiting for our dad
who showed up but never came

highway lights, holiday smears

in driver's ed one girl asked me
What are you looking at
Retarded Arms & Legs?

I sat on the edge of the desk
& watched through the front porch
screen as my brother double-fisted
oak trees

I'd color-code our answers
depending on what we needed
FIRE we went
when broken or RIVER
when safe

My brother likes to sleep in cars
a childhood leftover
I slide in beside
like Alice in Wonderland

if you accelerate fast enough you can
make the car jackrabbit
engine over end