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My brother would call to say
*keep me awake*

or
*bitch 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 *Star 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

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