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## CHILDHOOD DOCUMENTARY: TWO WEEKS IN NASHVILLE - 1955

We built a golf course Across her neighborhood of lawns, And rolled through Tennessee In an old side-tracked dining car, A tete-a-tete over invisible wine On the latest Catholic outrage. We sat skootched down In the back seat at the drive-in, Just on the threshold Of the behavior we watched. We rinsed our mouths After every meal And slept head-to-head In the same room, Kissing each other On the mouth good night As her mother backed out And left us in darkness.

> Fifteen years later We consummated our reunion On a throw-rug In the basement. She talked of whipped cream And knew some tricks While I took all I could In the name of quantity And a short Christmas leave.

Tucked in tight, We whispered at the ceiling for hours And when we were safe She would slide in over my pillow And we'd lie pressed together, Wet, afraid, laughing, Caught without our coats In the first great storm.