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separated,
and. alone and
sad,

remember
when you finally parked in Micah's driveway
after a full day of driving, and in your excitement
your shaky fingers couldn't hit the right keys on your phone
in order to unlock it and let them know you were here, finally here,
and the two of you didn't stop talking and giggling,
so much that your voice abandoned you the day after?

remember
when Aubri arrived on campus
and how you leapt over the junk
cluttering your floor from unpacking
right into her arms,
and how splendid and rare that hug was?

remember
when, after nine hours of delayed flights,
you heard Rachel yell your name,
your name, down the hall?

remember
how you laid on the floor of the Honors Lodge
and giggled at something inconsequential
and Grace and Aubri both said
how happy they were that you were back?

remember how happy reunion was?

after months of longing and yearning
it all came together.

now you get to do it again.