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We couldn't afford remote control cars
and they kept the boxes too far from the door

for even the dumbest and most desperate
of us to think we could make it in time.

So we let gravity take our Hot Wheels
down stacked encyclopedias, dictionaries

copies of Cosmo and Woman's Home Living
toward the toilet paper ticker tape, iris

capturing the only photo finish we'd get.
Eventually we'd be gifted a Nintendo,

half a decade after the neighbors but Mario
didn't seem to care, so why would we?

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