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We drive the back roads

on the way to church

and let the radio do all the chatting.

We look straight ahead

but I know *Cover Blend* concealer

lounges in the lines under her eyes.

And she knows that I shouldn't have those same lines—

but I do.

And then the song, "Good Riddance" comes on

and I tell her that I want this song played at my funeral—

just in case—

and I want Mike to have all my writing

and I want to be buried in a white casket.

She doesn't want to talk about it,

but it's been almost ten months without a diagnosis.

So I say the things I can't bear to hear,

the radio picking up where we refuse to leave off—

until a few minutes pass and she asks,

"What's the name of that song again?"