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which drove us from the fireworks to a bar where whiskey-lit  
you told me of your landlord in the hills of Snickersville Turnpike  
who dug a spacious pit twelve feet deep in the yard and not  
to build a swimming pool but because he wanted to snorkel  
and thinking about that later in the parking lot and thinking  
of kissing you I closed my eyes and dove right in I think  
it's crazy not to declare your independence from the dryness  
of our days, remember when all of us were fish