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We love each other in the 30 minute drive
to our parents' house in the country. Driving on
the dark and angular road, headlights wash over us,
and I am reminded of the shadow he casts over me.

“Did you listen to that song I sent you?”
I want to connect with him in communal playlists and

shared screenshots and he humors me by saying
he listened. We are almost home and he tells me
he's been listening to heavy metal. He knows I mute
scary movies, so he's quick to speak when I look
at the album cover. “It's actually been helping me lately...
with her diagnosis and everything.” My mouth is dry and

I wish I could say something, to prove that I
am with him in more than what the music cries.