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you never liked the way  
i drove  
though i got you home  
those nights we were  
too drunk  
to tell ourselves apart.

before we ever got rolling  
you would shout at me  
to slow down  
or would exaggerate  
the effects of my stops  
& turns  
to make like you came  
that close to suffering a serious  
head injury.

you were a  
chronic complainer and faker  
whose criticism didn't  
end with my driving, it merely  
mounted its attack there.  
you hated my monkish apartment  
& blasted the way  
i came dressed to your  
patently obnoxious toga party.  
the time you gave me  
an opening,  
you laughed at how i kissed you.

in your book i could never  
do anything right,  
though i never fondled you ..  
when you'd been drinking  
or went after your roommate--  
though it was you who couldn't  
tell someone that you love them.

by the time you got  
around to it,  
i'd strapped a dummy  
in your place,  
compliments  
of the theatrics department,  
& you were riding  
a fellowship in Greece,  
taking the busses  
everywhere

**Paul Hadella**