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Learning to Drive

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White knuckles  
And double yellow lines;  
passing lanes  
and exit signs.  
The eerie hum of the engine.  
The whoosh as a car goes by.

My driving instructor, Vlad, tells me  
if a creature runs in the road,  
Do not stop.  
Do not swerve.  
A shoebox, Vlad says,  
if it is bigger than a shoebox,  
then hit the brakes.  
Stop for the fox—  
not a rabbit or a squirrel, a chipmunk or a snake.

Any whisper of compassion becomes nullified  
when the bass of station 102.5  
drowns out the crunch of little bones  
and intestines being liquified.

If you are kind enough  
to hit the gas,  
there is compassion in killing it fast.  
After all  
you are big  
it is small.  
Your life has worth—  
their life means nothing at all.

But did you know that it is against the law  
to drive with flip flops on?