

## Aftermath

*In Memoriam – Joanne and Frank Flynn*

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Somewhere deep within the deer-mind, perhaps some glimmer  
of awareness, some spasm of alarm flickering:  
in the wake of the collision shattering the dawn:  
the pathetic scream of tires veering sharply into the tree  
to avoid the sudden shadow of death leaping across the road,  
the woman and man, broken within the smoking metal . . .  
the deer pausing at the forest's edge if only for a single backward glance  
before withdrawing deeply into the safer shadows of its life.



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