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Behind You, Over You

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Dull Girl Wild Thyme

7AM 787N 7E Exit 8
already she needs
another cup o coffee

hot time in the old town
devil went down god how
she's sick of hick songs

chicken in a bread pan
picking out dough if she
had some jellyroll she

wouldn't be going so slow
only one lane past Exit 11
construction grooves grate

rattle her trap of a car
pass the pickup rest
stop frequented by cops

she's gonna stick her wet
head out the window let
wind whip her hair awake

pine buds no wet hay has
her thigh press a bit past
the speed limit 13 14 15

past her exit hydroplanes
jets from her past right past
her parking spot empty

she's no where now
she's nude in Lake Shasta
like that time with Trudy

rolling around wet shirt
in the red dirt scaring
the men who paid their

fees at the toll booth no
she's in Lake McBride
with that snake of a boy

who made her scale that
fence across the no-diving
no drinking in sweet water

here or she's at the spillway
during that June flood
twirling Jean's pubic hair

on the roof of a drowned
shower house grown men
climbing treetops dangling

she's on the road to Butter-
milk falls pit run quarry
gravel she's spawning ground

Lori Anderson