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by Lee Zumpe

wet pavement,
moist eyes;
fingers curled white-knuckled
around the wheel.

hours before dawn,
between Supply and Southport;
two-lane traffic.

swarms of scant stars swimming,
low country mists drifting:
tangled knots,
wispy tatters,
stroking the rutted road,
curb crawling,
sweeping the silver twilight

miles ground down
beneath these spinning tires;
absorbed silently into
wet pavement.

