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It was somewhere between  
dusk and dark  
on a road off another road  
when I saw a blur  
coming full tilt  
growing into a deer  
up along the river.  
I thought it was going to run right into us.  
As it briefly gathered its power  
to clear the car,  
I could see velvet-covered horns,  
its determined line of grace.  
We had stopped  
to figure out where we were,  
headlights still on,  
door cracked  
for the dome light  
on our map,  
a soft cottonwood smell  
filling the night.  
I looked up  
to see where the color changes  
from side hair to belly hair,  
the fine texture  
forming runs and swirls  
and legs passing over.