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Queen played over the loudspeakers  
in the hallways of her high school  
on the days of football games.

The same music followed her  
to the ice rink where she took  
her boyfriend's hand as they

went around the rink; at "time's up,"  
the workers blew a whistle  
and cleared the ice for the next

group of kids who'd paid to skate.  
They'd go to the lockers to get their  
shoes and return their rented shoes.

Hot chocolate warmed them up again  
before they walked around the mall  
and called a parent or older sibling

to come get them. They'd stand  
around whichever entrance  
they were directed to by their ride,

listening to Queen playing  
over distant loudspeakers  
and watching the heavy sheets of rain.

