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BOARDER'S LEAVE ENDING

sun sinking signalling Sunday night return to school
light dimming
eyes brimming

seat leather creaks as body swings on highway corners
tyres humming
mind numbing

rhythmic sweep of windscreen wipers forces a clear view onward
rain dropping
smile stopping

each new song on the radio ticks the clock relentlessly forward
time wends
leave ends

approaching regimen of ordered, boarded community
ethos cloying
soul destroying

seeming loneliness though surrounded by so many
class mates
heart ache

losing individual freedom to communal dormitory and blackboard
note taking
spirit breaking

a prisoner of middle class aspirations for social mobility
growing stunted
thinking blunted

lacking daily personal touch, losing identity
uniform
love lorn

wondering which forgotten misdeed prompted parents abandonment
high cost
childhood lost

Rachel Wood