

They don't say I take their breath away.
They don't say they could watch me forever.
They don't say they cry when they watch me dance.
When they watch Amina dance, they cry.
I know. Because I cry when I watch Amina dance.

My Mom asked me to dance for her cancer. She saw a documentary about this woman who did a dance and it cured her cancer and so she asked me if I would do a dance for her and my Mom is not normally like that but she was feeling really emotional at the time and she kept breaking down all the time so I did this solo at the year end recital for my Mom and her cancer. And I tried to make it the best dance I had ever done. I tried to like *feel things* with my arms and my legs. I tried to make people feel things with my arms and my legs. ... But it was just an ordinary dance, really. A lot of people didn't know it was about my Mom's cancer at all. They thought it was about whatever our dances are usually about. Flowers. Or sailors, you know. Not cancer. I didn't make them cry. I didn't make myself cry. I don't even think I made my Mom cry. She told me that she liked it. But she didn't cry. And it didn't cure her cancer, so. Her cancer actually got worse after that, so. It was just an ordinary dance.

Luke says I'm a genius dancer but he's lying to me because he's in love with me. Luke has dandruff. I know because I was playing with his hair the other day and at the base of his hair near his scalp were all these flakes of scalp sitting in his hair like dead ants that had just crawled out of a hole and died.

Petals fall from the sky like flakes of dandruff as Zuzu dances the audition piece for Gandhi. She's not that great. Connie appears and dances the part of Gandhi with her.

The stars come out.

Luke and his Mom driving home from dance.

LUKE'S MOM

You sleepy?

LUKE

...

LUKE'S MOM

You look sleepy

LUKE

Yeah

LUKE'S MOM

It takes it out of you, doesn't it?

LUKE
Yeah

LUKE'S MOM
...

LUKE
...

LUKE'S MOM
...

LUKE
...

LUKE'S MOM
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LUKE
How was your day?

LUKE'S MOM
Oh you know

LUKE
...
...
...

LUKE'S MOM
I think that new priest candidate is coming
From California
So that's good

LUKE
...

LUKE'S MOM
Apparently it's some kind of secret
She's not telling her congregation that she's thinking of leaving, so
We have to be all secretive about it
...
...
She's flying cross-country on a *Tuesday* so she won't be missed, so
I don't know
It sounds kind of crazy to me but

Who knows
She's our only candidate, so
Hopefully she's not too crazy

LUKE
She's flying cross-country?

LUKE'S MOM
Yeah

LUKE
And she's not telling anybody?

LUKE'S MOM
Apparently

LUKE
That's cool

LUKE'S MOM
It's stressful ... It's more stressful than it's cool

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I just hope this lady from California does more than give good sermons. Good sermons don't bring in crowds. We need someone who's a go-getter. She's 52, so. I don't know. I was hoping for someone younger.

LUKE
Yeah

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LUKE
*All I want
Is someone to drive me
Driving in cars.....
Driving in cars at night...
Driving in cars at night with the rain
spraying the dashboard and a seat warmer
that makes my butt hot. Hot like when I used
to sit my naked ass on the radiator at home
growing up. A hot butt makes me sleepy. And*

*I'd get so sleepy. Riding in cars at night. But
it's the delicious kind of sleepy. Where you
wish you could stay in that liminal state
forever watching the raindrops on the
windshield and the world blurring
by.....and my Mom...listening to my
Mom... remembering listening to my Mom....
all I want is to be in a car at night, sleepy
and listening to my Mom*

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LUKE'S MOM
How's dance?

LUKE
Huh?

LUKE'S MOM
How was dance? Did you learn something?

LUKE
It was fine

LUKE'S MOM
What are you working on now? Are you still doing that sailor—

LUKE
No we switched. We're doing citizens
...
...
...
We're doing this whole thing with Gandhi

LUKE'S MOM
That sounds fun
...
...
And you're liking it?

He shrugs.

LUKE'S MOM
Because you don't have to keep doing it if you're not liking it. You could do ice skating / or
music