Out the Window

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she lifted and threw her legs out the open side front window of the speeding auto her shoes flew from her feet her toes waving in the wind she brushed her hands through her hair and bumped against the drivers arms as he held the wheel he laughed at her and her naked feet she knotted her hair and placed a cigarette in her mouth the flame of the match was no contest against the wind she laughed and tossed the unlit smoke out the window ashes from the ashtray now caught by the breeze flew up in ever widening circles above her head and twisted like a garland around both passengers as the speed increased she sang a song so familiar she forgot the melody the sun slashed the windshield the moon fainted like a shadow at 3:33 the radio picked up a Dylan tune the poetry wrapped its ropes around the couple and silently sent them skyward