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Here a chair placed close to the car.  
She falters, little steps, little life.

When she sits I bring pie and coffee  
and hope she will eat.

The dog is near. We think she might like  
to see it once more. She speaks,

running her fingers along its crown.  
Around us, late summer green—

this bit of shade, this bit of time.  
The breeze tussles her silver hair.



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