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From place to place my life moves
With a single goal in mind.
I'm just trying to survive.
Eighteen and I'm out.
Every time I feel love,
I quickly feel loss.
It's better just to get through it
Without any feelings.
Yet, I yearn for one particular love
From the one I should so very hate.
She controls me; she has me by her hand.
She's the reason for my life.
Not just why I was born, but how I'm living.
I turn away anyone I might become attached to
For fear of their loss, like my mother, like Claire.
Claire's love was everlasting like a river flowing into the ocean.
How easy it was to feel love from Claire.
Why am I so drawn toward my mother?
Why do I want love in a place where it's so hard to find?
I want to remember my past, I need to be linked to it.
The horror of it doesn't turn me away.
I want to remember my mother, because she's my mother.
There's no greater reason for it than that.

