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It's hard, she said, being so damn grateful for rides to town or snow removal, mattress turned or Sam repairing something. She was down because a neighbor called her ma'am. Some nights, she said, white lightning was her comfort--stuff the sheriff made and stashed away for years to smooth the edge of winter's whitening. She grinned. It's pure, a heightening of sense-- contenting deep inside like fresh muskmelon-- only warm. That's how it should be to grow old, she said. Not cold. Not frightening.

--Glenna Holloway