What She'd Say

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Sister you think too much, nose in books, finger pushing up glasses. You analyze the impact buying cotton made in India has on the Iraq war. Remember spaghetti fights, our schnauzer’s birthday cake baked in a plastic play oven, hollering at boys in Camaros? I’m proud of your degrees, but I like you best when you’ve just finished making love, when you fall out of your chair laughing, when you sip Ketel One on the rocks with four limes between stints on the dance floor. I applauded when you yelled a the jackass who didn’t allow his preschooler to pee before ordering at Wendy’s. Even when alive, I worried where thoughts would take you. I watch when you pace, cry yourself to sleep. When nightmares move across your body, I put silence in your open mouth.