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To hear my aunt tell it:  
a flash of lightning struck  
and stuck firm on the highway,  
somewhere between Matamoros  
and Corpus Christi, and before  
she could know to stop,  
she drove past Our Lady  
of Guadalupe as she  
would've any hitchhiker,  
signpost, or mesquite.  
This is the gist of it.  
What I never get right  
when I set myself down  
to fix the lightning  
by which she saw what  
she'd never call a vision,  
is how she speaks of it  
as if it were a robbery,  
with the suspicious  
and lamentful tone  
of one convinced  
something is missing  
from her life.

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