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with a man who carries roses, a bundle of cut
stems drying in his fist. No words exchanged,
only looks that quickly volley back and forth,
then seated side by side on this Port Authority
bus heading for Hoboken, knees touching
when I ask, "How are them roses holding up?"

He asks if I would like to have one, then adds,
"Something for your girlfriend." This single
long-stem beauty already starting to fall apart
as I lift it up to my face, the bus first veering
this way, that way, soon the entire length
of our thighs pressing hard against each other
as we ride in silence the rest of the way home.