

American Life in Poetry

Repeated Lullaby

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In our ten years of publishing this column I don't believe we've ever printed a poem about lullabies, the first poetry each of us is to hear. Now is the time. Patrick Phillips lives in Brooklyn. Here's a poem from *Elegy for a Broken Machine* published by Alfred A. Knopf.

THE SINGING

I can hear her through
the thin wall, singing,
up before the sun:
two notes, a kind
of hushed half-breathing,
each time the baby
makes that little moan—

can hear her trying
not to sing, then singing
anyway, a thing so old
it might as well
be Hittite or Minoan,

and so soft no one
would ever guess
that I myself once
sang that very song:

back when my son
and then his brother
used to cry all night
or half the morning,
though nothing in all
the world was wrong.

And now how strange:
to be the man from next door,
listening, as the baby cries
then quiets, cries and quiets
each time she sings
their secret song,

that would sound the same ten
thousand years ago,
and has no
meaning but to calm.

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SCHOLASTICS

MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE

This past August, 18 Mount Marty College students successfully celebrated the completion of various degrees and certificates.

The following students from Yankton joined more than 9,000 MMC alumni graduates across the country.

Devin Gullikson — Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Brandon Nickolite — Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Dakota Kirkman — Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
Oscar Martinez-Mojica — Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology

Kayla Wiese — Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology

Michele Paulson — Certificate in Practical Nursing
Barbara DeWitt — Post-Graduate APRN Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner
Michele Rohde — Post-Graduate APRN Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner

Thank You
for all the
cards I
received
for my 90th
birthday.

God Bless You All
Don Arens

50th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Dick Fuhrer

Diane (Cervenka) and Dick Fuhrer were married on October 16, 1965 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Winner, SD.

Grateful for their undying love and support throughout their lives are their children, Darren, David (Amy), Dawn (deceased), Darcie (Tony) and twelve grandchildren.

Their family requests a card shower.

Greetings can be sent to them at PO Box 51, Gayville, SD 57031.

The families of Sandra (Sandy) Langeland wish to thank all of her friends and families who have, through the last 3½ years, kept us in their thoughts and prayers. All the good food, deeds, and visits meant a lot to all of us as she went through her long battle with cancer.

She lost her battle this time and is at rest and peace now. We will all miss her smile and laughter, but she will live on in our hearts and memories.



Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the families of Sandy.

The Langeland and
Johansen family

Car Talk

Safety Technologies In Cars Seem To Be Able To Go The Distance

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Car Talk:

I keep my cars for about 10 years and drive a lot of miles. I am ready for my next car, and am considering the new Lexus NX 200t with the four-cylinder turbo. My concern is that these new cars have a lot of high-tech gadgets, like adaptive cruise controls, a system that keeps you in your lane, cameras and sensors all around the car, and most especially the turbo system. Will these gadgets last 10 years or so?

—Jose

I suspect they will, Jose.

This is a very nice car, by the way: powerful, comfortable, practical, reliable and good-looking to boot — all the things I'm not. You can read our Test Drive Notes on the Lexus at our website, www.cartalk.com.

The safety technologies they're using are pretty basic computer and sensor technologies. Sonar and radar have been used for generations on more-expensive vehicles — like planes and ships. It's only recently that they've been miniaturized and mass-produced on a large enough scale to make them cost-effective in cars. And now they're trickling down from luxury cars to the heaps most of us drive.

The technologies are all great. If I were buying a new car, I'd get every one of them. For instance, lots of cars now come with blind-spot warning, which tells you if there's a car pulling up alongside of you before you change lanes. It's fabulous.

You can now get adaptive cruise control, which detects when cars in



Ray
MAGLIOZZI

front of you are slowing down and automatically slows the car, then speeds it back up. Some even work in stop-and-go traffic.

And best of all, a technology called pre-collision braking is seeping into more and more cars. If you're looking away from the road to text your bookie,

for instance, and a car in front of you suddenly slows down, the system will warn you, and even stop the car for you if you don't stop it yourself.

The system can sense if you're closing in on a hazard up ahead, how quickly you're approaching it and whether your foot is already on the brake (i.e., if you're paying attention). And if it needs to, it'll hit the brakes to keep you from crashing. It could save a lot of lives. And downgrade the lifestyles of a lot of autobody-shop owners.

Of course, these technologies all are precursors to the self-driving car — which will add steering, navigation and car-to-car communication to the mix and allow you to text your bookie all you want.

It's not that I think these technologies are infallible; everything can potentially break at some point. Thank goodness for that, or we mechanics would never make our monthly boat

payments. But the electronic safety systems seem pretty reliable so far. They perform really well, in our experience. And their benefits absolutely outweigh the risks of having to repair them someday.

As far as your turbo is concerned, turbos were always designed to last the life of the car. Unfortunately, back in the old days, they rarely did. Back in the '70s and '80s, it wasn't uncommon for turbos to overheat and cake the oil and ruin the engine. They'd do that at about 75,000 miles. That was always good for several boat payments. But with the advent of synthetic oil and, mostly likely, improved design, turbos generally do last the life of the car. We almost never see turbo failures anymore.

So I'd say go for it, Jose. And when you're ready to sell it with 200,000 miles on it, give me a call.

If it ain't broke, you won't have to fix it! Order Click and Clack's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Car Talk/Ruin, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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