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Living on the Edge

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Can you throw up devil horns listening to Journey? You can hold up a lighter to “Open Arms,” but can you bang your head to “Separate Ways?” You can bang Cynthia Marie in the back of your Chevy Caviler once you flip the seats down and move them up. You turn off the engine leave the key in the ignition and turn the key to ALT so the cassette player will still work. You tell yourself not to take everything off in case a cop comes banging on the window with the foot pressed against it but your clothes still get lost on the floorboard. She’ll put a hand on your chest to make you stop and ask by both your first and middle name if you’re trying to keep beat with the music. It’s “Don’t Stop Believin’” so it was probably pretty obvious. What? is both your reply and your defense.