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Dear Shannon:

January is pretty sweet in L.A. Winter in L.A. with the Santa Ana winds creates a clear sky. It's been unusually warm, though. And seeing all the snow back in the east, midwest, and south we're wondering if you got any snow. It did snow for about six hours up in the mountains before Christmas. The airport was it's own country and by looking at traveller's you could see their stomach's hurting in line.

We're transplants from the Midwest, drove separately and two years apart to get into this apartment and all the noise at night from the Latin salsa police helicopters across Hollywood Boulevard is the opposite of the Midwest. We just a bought a four-track, the first physical proof of us hooking up. It could've been in San Diego or Winston-Salem, but we kept getting older, losing more and more names in an address book that are applicable. We plan on picking up the music pace more and more each day without being in a band.

Wil drove from Dayton to San Diego in 1993, broke down in Arkadelphia, was in a hotel for twenty minutes. He got charged for the room, his Honda got fixed in twenty minutes (a mechanic's hammer to his alternator). His next city remembered after that is Dallas, through Tucson to Diego. Tim drove through Arkansas at the end of October in 1995, slept west of Little Rock in his pathetic car and at dawn drove through the Autumn Ozark early morning fog, listening to the college rock station out of Fayetteville, the best radio from Carolina to the Pacific. There is music in that driving for both of us.

We hope you like our most recent work, two poems originating in Dayton, two in East Hollywood. Hope most of the snow had a festival-feel to it. Clinton's approval rating in the Southland has gone up. Photos ("L.A. Times front page) with Bill in black overcoat in front of marching troops (in color and very presidential). Now mid-January Hillary mentioned every day. Most everyone here under age 35 has a bullshit job and a career they're working on when not jobbing and no idea who the mayor of L.A. is. Thanks for your time and we've decided again to thank you. Sincerely,

Wil Robinson & Tim Fox

