



Nickelback
"Far Away"
All the Right Reasons
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when i am fourteen i Google "why do people hate Nickelback so much"

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because this is the year my dog dies, and "Far Away" is the song i loop for weeks
her name is Coco she is a labrador retriever which means she gives me back things
i think i've lost in summer we split orange popsicles and she goes running
through the sampaloc trees brings me love as dirty tennis balls
and whole hens still breathing carried gently in her mouth
when i am depressed she sits next to me hooks her paw around my arm trying
to hold my hand my freshman year of high school she gets sick
goes on a steel table before i can say goodbye cardboard box in the backyard
i am not allowed to stay home and the teacher marks me down for not following
instructions: *write a poem about a member of your family*
i kick my locker door again and again and again until my instep is black and blue
Google's answer is their music is generic, but when Chad sings *and i forgive you*
for being away for far too long it's a little less sharp the arriving at the clinic
five minutes too late so i guess i've chained my grief to this voice
like a tuba full of gravel but what can you do
so i guess now my grief is generic which Google says means either *not specific*
or *universal* sounds about right