

Estate Auction

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My long-time ritual—
waving at Mrs. Williams
at work in her yard—is over.

The white-haired woman in a flowered
housedress no longer stoops
to pull crabgrass
or trowel out dandelions,
no longer grooms her grass
like a boy's back-to-school haircut.

Today, her lawn is lined
with remnants.
A nubby rose-colored sofa
thin-legged end tables
hi-fi with gold flecks on brown speakers
chrome kitchen table set.
All waiting for bidders.

Her life is going once,
going twice,
gone.



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