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He postpones ringing his mum; he postpones ringing his mum; it's difficult now to hear her talk; difficult now to understand. He'll go to the phone in the hall, sometimes even touch it; he'll pause, and pause; he'll retreat to the kitchen and make a brew; go to the lounge and look at his books; head upstairs and lie on his bed; he'll try not to think of how she is now; of how she was then; he'll try not think of her sitting in silence.