

## Sample of Line Edit

Eastern meadowlark flew ~~down the road~~ and out into the far ends of the plains and for miles over the Indian grass off both sides the interstate. Robyn smiled as Kevin peered up periodically from his phone, taking notice of nature, enjoying the gift and true beauty of something that not on his iPhone screen, needing Wi-Fi, or requiring a “like”. ~~He was actually taking in the beauty of nature for a change.~~

**Commented [SS1]:** Birds would be flying overhead, not so much down the road

The sun disappeared behind the fading clouds which filled the saffron-colored sky. ~~Listing to more sounds of the 1980s, such as they drove past stretches of wind farms along the interstate, passing dozens of wind turbines on both sides of the road.~~ All four windows were rolled down just a bit to allow the gusts of clean, fresh air coming off the hills of the tallgrass prairies to naturally cool the car in the June heat. Seeing the turn of the windmills, took her back to all the times her family traversed back and forth between Kansas and Tennessee. Growing up made one long to finally become an adult- excited to finally be “free”. Hindsight made her chuckle, thinking of all the many stressors of life that adulthood brought, and still brings. ~~It had to be at least a few decades since we last spoke, which was in our senior year of high school. I remember that one time that we got smoking on campus; I had never even smoked a cigarette before. My dad busted me and my friends and I swore I’d never do it again.~~

**Commented [SS2]:** Remove for redundancy. This is already known from the prior sentence.

**Commented [SS3]:** Confusing: author’s intent is no clear. What are doing as they are “listening to more sounds of the 1980s?” State this or remove this portion. Then return with the passage “They continued to drive past stretches of wind farms...”

She could never imagine, as a child or a budding teen, just how good she had it back then to live life curious and able to make many mistakes. As an adult, time moved so swiftly, leaving one to wonder where it had all gone; as a child, time stood still, and things just lasted forever.

**Commented [SS4]:** Confusing narrative digression: While narrative digressions are often used as literary devices, this one does not justly fit. They essentially provide background information or create suspense, as when used before a serious scene. And who is the “we” referenced here? Is it Amanda?

“Wind seems to be picking up”, said Kevin, observing how quickly the sky became overcasted again. The statement came about as an observatory as not only of the weather, but also

because he saw his mother reach for her cloth purse in the glove box ~~he knew what she was~~  
~~reaching for.~~