

## I'm Leaving

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“Stop pretending  
like you’re going to war,” she said,  
as I handed her the bags and shut the door.  
I smiled and turned, not knowing  
if I’d ever see her again.  
And as I watched the sunset  
and all the birds make their first appearance  
against the briskly-statured wind,  
I kissed her forehead and said,  
“Have a fun spring break in Miami.”