

AFTER CHURCH, YUGOSLAVIA
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They're very poor, my aunt said,
the Slovenian women.
Met each other in the concentration camp
during the war
& been together ever since.
Both sickly—one can't
breathe easily, the other
can't go to the bathroom.
If it wasn't for God
they'd kill themselves.
They found each other
at the camp & been
together ever since.
They say one was given
hormones by the Germans.
She wears pants now.
They live up the hill, she said,
they're very poor,
always together & care
for each other a lot
ever since the camp.