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FIRST DAY OF MTV

summer before eighth grade, a week after I return from Camp Fitch,
my friends & I gather around set in living room to witness
Pat Benatar blow our minds, wasting Saturday watching
video kill the radio star, in the era of mixtapes, triumph
of catching favorite song just after commercial, decorating
cassette cases to trade between lockers, folded love notes, check box yes or
no
hairspray & flipped collars, we aspire to be valley girls
but don't know who Frank Zappa is, only that Ohio
is boring until the screen lit up that August day