

# Click

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When leaving a message at 4 A.M.  
on the answering machine  
of your ex-girlfriend,  
do not be too drunk to remember  
to choose your words very carefully,  
and use them sparingly,  
because you will only have a few seconds  
to tell her all the things  
that have been bouncing around your skull  
over the years since your parting,  
and if you say anything  
that she doesn't want to hear,  
all she has to do is push a button,  
and you are gone forever,  
just like you are supposed to be.