

JENNIFER CHANG

RUN AWAY

Bring Bear and *O Pioneers!*

Bring the notebook
to explain why. If you do not
survive, it will rest beside

your quiet body. But if
it is cold? Strips
of wool and knitting needles,

a dozen matchbooks. The trees,
you have read this, hollow out. You will live
there, or in a cave. Your father's

jade-handled knife
because you never know,
because it is his,

and when you were six,
he let you play with it
for a palmful of blood.