



Little Rhody! I  
Land after adventuring.  
It's good to be home.

**Rhode Island**  
Little Ol' Rhody  
In and back out in an hour.  
That's my kind of state.

**Connecticut**  
Connecticut is  
So, so sophisticated.  
Would never date Georgia.  
Crossed the U.S.  
Fueled by Frappachinos.  
Starbucks is my friend.

**New York**  
New York, the cool state.  
Just a corner of it is  
Cooler than Texas.

**Pennsylvania**  
Freight trains pass by me  
Headed west. I am going east.  
I can't count that fast.  
Coming back seems fast.  
Faster than going. Tail winds?  
Anticipation?

I'm so skinny here.  
Fried chicken is the state bird.  
Fat is fabulous

**Ohio**  
Ohio, you seem  
Surprised. Your two Os look  
Like big popping eyes.  
I'm so skinny here.  
The rust belt comes in one size,  
Triple XXX

**Indiana**  
Adult Super Store,  
Huge sign erect in the sky.  
Excited farm boys.  
U.S. tis a mall  
Same shit, under god, for all.  
Small towns took the fall.

**Nevada**  
Poker, blackjack, slots,  
Kids living on neon streets,  
Too many hard luck tales.  
I'm hot and dusty  
Thirsty, too. My home is far.  
Time to hit the road.

**Utah**  
Seagulls of Salt Lake  
Are polygamists and must  
Moisturize their feet.  
Sunrise in my eyes  
I'm headed east, aiming home.  
Sunset behind me.

East of the mighty  
Mississippi! the states are  
Smaller. Why is that?  
It's a long, long way  
From Reno to the east coast.  
Half way in three days.

**Iowa**  
Nina Simone sings  
Out over the dry corn fields.  
They never heard better.  
Flat is not boring.  
All around variety.  
Sunflowers everywhere.  
I had to get in  
The word "prairie". Now that's done,  
Good bye Iowa.

**Colorado**  
That road kill is huge!  
What the hell was that before?  
Deer? Moose? Harley?  
Landscape fills my eyes,  
Makes the miles pass quickly by.  
The leaves are changing!

**Nebraska**  
Windmills make lazy  
Circles in the sky. Lovely!  
Please, build one next door!  
Miles and miles of corn  
Grown to marbleize beefsteak.  
Pollan says, "Eat plants."

*Please recycle to a friend.*

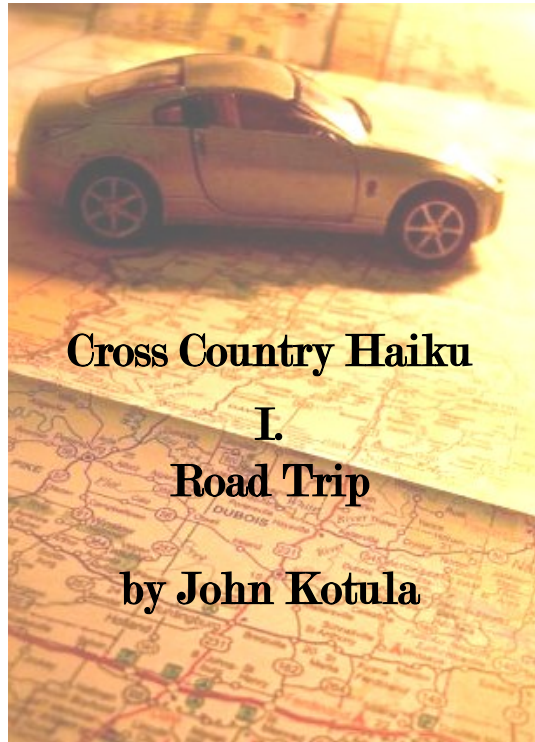
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