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Our fingers guided us along  
road lines and river turns,  
through crayon-colored suburbs  
urban sprawled across our laps.  
Seat buckled a comfortable distance  
from the foreign land  
where adults always sat,  
we were unable to navigate  
their conversation's terrain, yet,  
listened to the sky parked  
in its place, watched  
the landscape drive  
reverse in the opposite lane,  
our lives with just a few miles  
to arrive at the age imagination  
is neatly folded and stored away.

-Murray McCartan  
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