

I went to a hockey game the other  
night  
trying to measure and decipher  
victory and defeat and  
exultation; when the game was over  
we walked to the parking lot  
got into your cars and  
drove away as  
meaningless as  
ever.

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### Journey

In case of  
accident a bookshelf  
is missing out of  
nowhere comes  
a rocking rigid horse  
machine in front  
of a grocery store  
with no child riding  
carrying an unseen  
visitor to  
          noplance.

### Heritage

Born in California by  
mistake  
I am of Nebraska  
they brought me back  
at six months stayed  
awhile moved  
to Colorado left  
me I am realistic  
about  
the anger.

### The Dream

I had a child  
in a dream  
In sin.  
The birth was easy,  
the child small.  
I took it home  
and bathing it, dropped it.  
The rigid shell of skin  
shattered and it died.  
I picked up the face--  
smiling and, in death as  
it was in sleep, open-eyed.  
It looked like a doll I'd had when I was six  
which my father had bought me  
when my sister was born.