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## Self-Improvement

My Daddy believed in self-improvement  
so he made me swim ten thousand miles  
He believed that because we were genetically linked  
he owned my strength  
Then he drove me home in his bright blue Rambler  
He was wearing a white button-down sport shirt  
black slacks  
shiny black shoes  
and was humming—  
*I've got a mule Name is Sal/ Fifteen years on the Erie Canal*  
*She's a good old mule a good old pal/ Fifteen years on the Erie Canal*  
He turned to me and said  
This car meets my every specification  
There was something fluttering in the back seat  
but I didn't turn around because I was still bound  
in the ropes my Daddy had wrapped around me  
The Rambler's engine went taptap taptap taptap taptap

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