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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.

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