

## Knoxville

wide place in the road  
no stop sign to slow traffic  
two miles east of home

Cox General Store  
old men spit chew on the porch  
hitching post nearby

Charley's blacksmith shop  
forged horse shoes and gate hinges  
pounding his anvil

Yoakum's gas station  
Sindy's greasy repair shop  
church, one-room schoolhouse

my rear-view mirror  
reflects these seventy years  
down Highway Thirteen

Setting: Knoxville MO (population ~ 30), near my childhood home, 1950's



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