

## Ride The Brake

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Out of college  
Out of plans  
In no hurry  
To be a man  
Call a friend  
In California

And head West  
Interstates  
See the country  
Ride the brake  
In a cobalt  
Honda Civic  
With a faulty tape deck

In St. Louis  
Summer heat  
Sweating bullets  
Pleather seats  
Stop for cold beer  
Conversation  
She reminds you  
You are young  
Eager chicken  
Not yet sprung  
She reminds you  
Of the reasons  
For the big retreat