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Three o'clock in the afternoon
The bright sun beating
into our non-air-conditioned
stationwagon
Looking outside
I see endless corn and telephone poles
I imagine myself
doing 65 mph acrobatics
off the telephone lines
I roll down the window a crack
suddenly the outside world is
alive
I hear the wind
being sucked away
behind our speeding Reliant
I roll down the window midway
and it stops
These backseat windows piss me off
A familiar odor is filling up the car
My sister and I chime in
with songs from "The Music Man"
We are entering Gary, Indiana
I close my window

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