

I was.....years old and.....with a  
dime in my hand  
into the.....  
to pick up a paper for my.....  
I'd sit on his lap in that big old Buick and  
steer as we drove through town  
He'd tousle my hair and.....son take a  
.....around this is your.....  
This is your hometown  
...  
In '65 tension was running high, at my  
high school  
There was a lot of fights between the  
.....  
There was..... you could do  
Two cars at a light on a....., in  
the back seat there was a.....  
Words were passed, in a shotgun blast  
.....had come, to my hometown  
My hometown  
Now Main Street's whitewashed.....  
and vacant stores  
seems like there ain't.....  
wants to come down here no more  
They're .....down the textile mill  
across the railroad tracks  
Foreman says these jobs are going boys  
and they ain't coming.....to your hometown  
Your hometown  
Last night me and Kate we laid in.....  
talking about getting out  
Packing up our.....maybe heading south  
I'm 35, we got a.....of our own now  
Last night I sat him up, behind the.....  
and said.....take a good look around,  
this is your hometown.



**dime:** 10 cents  
**paper:** newspaper  
**my old man:** my father  
**sit on one's lap:** sit on one's knees  
**steer:** drive  
**tousle:** rub one's hair  
**high school:** grades 9 to 12  
**a light:** a traffic light  
**a shotgun:** a light gun for short range  
**blast:** explosion  
**whitewash:** paint in white (e.g. a house)  
(curtains and blinds are expensive, so they  
just whitewashed the window panes  
against the heat)  
**vacant:** empty  
**ain't:** are (is, am, has, have) not  
**textile mill:** factory  
**railroad tracks:** railway lines  
**foreman:** chief of other workmen  
**heading south:** going direction south

## Comprehension Test:

This is read out twice:

1. *What did Bruce have in his hand when he was running to pick up a paper for his father?*
  2. *His father used to drive to the bus stop*
  3. *In 1965 tension was running high.*
  4. *When Bruce was eight years old, he used to sit on his fathers lap and steer the car. Now...*
  5. *The foreman says these jobs are going and they aren't coming back.*
  6. *The family is talking about getting out.*
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Your name: .....

1.  a bus stop  
 a dime  
 a Buick
2.  You can buy newspapers at a bus stop.  
 The bus was not running any more, so they must go by car.  
 There was a shotgun blast at the bus stop and the driver was killed.
3.  There were troubles between blacks and whites.  
 The windows were whitewashed.  
 A Buick is an old car.
4.  he doesn't remember it.  
 he does the same with his son.  
 he is happy that these troubled times are over.
5.  The foreman likes to look around the town.  
 The foreman has a shotgun. He is dangerous.  
 The foreman says there aren't any jobs in the town now.
6.  There was no railway in the town.  
 Perhaps they will leave the town.  
 They can't go because Bruce is a bad driver.