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## *Traveling Back*

Traveling back from Hot Springs last  
night, late enough to worry not  
on all I had left that day undone,  
a side road often I had passed  
called in the voice of a million yellow flowers.  
For once I didn't think twice, how the sun  
was low, whole days lost in tracking hours  
across a map. *Give in. The day's shot,*  
said the gravel spitting under my wheels  
and I let that lane lead me where it would.  
Laughing, lost, an outlaw on the roam  
pleased at the breeze on my face and how it feels  
to park along the cutbank where I stood  
in the flow of pretending I might never go home.

*Lowell Jaeger*