

# Threads of Places I've Been

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Flip through an old songbook  
skipping over the pretty pressed flowers  
trapped between the pages  
from someone, sometime ago

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My eyes view a scene  
revealing no depth  
like a mountain obstructed by clouds

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The way I sing a simple song  
that has a melody  
with a pleasant chorus makes me smile

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Heifetz is my favorite violinist  
I've heard him play Tchaikovsky violin  
concerto on You Tube

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A children's story meant for adults  
has layers and layers of rocks  
to turn over

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In my 66<sup>th</sup> year I can know that  
my motorcycle journey down Route 66  
can be crossed off my bucket list  
except that I'd like to do it again

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Life is not defined by a time span  
but how much infinite experience  
There is in a finite period

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When I drool at night I blame it on the Parkinsons  
when I drool during the day I blame it on the Parkinsons  
when I drool in conversation I wipe my mouth

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In my attic is an office where I keep all  
my \$10 gaming coins from the  
Silver Strike slot machines at the Four Queens Casino  
on Fremont Street in Las Vegas

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Now I feel like a lion in a cage  
at the zoo where small children  
gawk and play nearby  
loss of strength and agility  
like something missing in translation