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Hold It Now

I leave the laundromat for the last time,
My green Mustang awaits me in the lot
Like a space shuttle that just lighted, caught
Between the laws of gravity and some
Adrenaline desire to soar. Taillights
Glow, satellites rust, in the idling hot
Exhaust whose no-knock octane vapors ought
To hide the takeoff as I hit the heights.
But what's the use of thoughts, why taunt
Yourself with sci-fi dreams? You note your change,
Your credit cards, the map to Arizona.
You know you can go and you just aren't gonna.
Because you're holding Bold and not deranged
Whatever you do must be what you want.



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