

## **Roads for the Taking**

They tell me the arteries between my heart and brain  
are getting clogged and may lead to untimely death  
as that does for many white US males

But I tell them the roads from my heart to my brain  
have always been treacherous, full of potholes,  
bumps, speed and caution signs and detours

while the way from heart to groin is always smooth  
regardless of the one bullet-pocked sign:  
PRIMITIVE ROAD: DRIVE AT YOUR OWN RISK.