

Mercedes Headed North on 101

Somewhere between Petaluma
and Santa Rosa
I spotted you heading north

Classic station wagon
an estate car with
original roof rack
filled with brown leather trunks
fastened by brass buckled straps

The faded racing-green finish said
you were not restored
but kept in shape

Your driver
well into his 60s
held his liver-spotted hands
firmly at ten and two
while looking straight ahead
he kept you at 55
long before cruise control

Were you purchased decades ago
in a West German postwar deal
complete with factory tour
or at some long-closed foreign
dealership's polished showroom
on North Van Ness

Is your driver an emeritus professor
in ancient arcane languages
taught at Berkeley or
a retired banker from the City
headed for weekend pleasures
at the Russian River



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Lou Rudolph at Keyhole Studios on Clementina Street

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Steve The Bartender: Drummer Compound

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Geno The Greek

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