

# 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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