off the rez

southeast of the nation
red rocks pierce the sky
that slow river of trucks on I-40
different centuries rolling by

something like halfway from tucumcari to tehachapi something like halfway through this mortal coil something like a highway slow roll toward destiny waiting for the blood to boil

piedra blanca way up by the jemez
piedra blanca up chaco way
drove down last evening, one to the other
as the sun set in the west on another day

something like halfway from tucumcari to tehachapi something like halfway through this allotted time something like a highway full of cheap motels fast-food songs, nickels and dimes

> just south of the rez just south of the rez