

Hattiesburg
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the old brick streets the live oaks
the yellow pine pollen and pink azaleas
the old square white concrete marker posts
honeysuckle magnolias camellias
burgertown, pasquale's, mr gatti's and morrison's
seale lily, sambo's and the frost top
jerry's fried chicken, baskin-robbins, bonanza
the first mc d's, wendy's, taco bell, sonic and ihop
jimmy faughn's, the sea lodge, western sizzlin', north heights,
the conestoga, the southernaire and the wagon wheel
rayner's and mack's, pizza inn, and the Q shacks
and the places that all once were chesterfield's
the USM pond, the little white bridge
the old pool with the icy cold walk through shower
the old fraternity row, the old teke house's cannon
the "we tied the tide" shirts and the sorority tower
Broadway, Bouie, Hardy, Hillendale,
Mamie, Mobile, McInnis and Pine
Oak grove, Lincoln, Arlington, Jamestown
Richburg, Country Club, Adeline
and Eleven, Forty Two, Ninety Eight
and Forty and Fifty Nine
kamper park, paul b johnson,
patterson's skating rink, hub city lanes
the Christmas parade, canoeing black creek
The baseball and football games
the cat lady, the drive through funeral home-
thrill hill, the rapids, masonite, dirt roads
Sumrall and Dixie and Oak Grove and Petal
burnt bridge, the fair, camp shelby, the coast
the open mind, beautiful day, sacklers

mississippi britches, roses, wilson's
the opening week of the cloverleaf
and you tell by the smell it was hudson's
The beer barn, the library, the stone toad, jeremiah's
The end zone, the ice house, the el agave
Parkway heights, main street and temple
We all got to heaven some way
It was WHSY WDAM WLOX WFOR
It was 582 and 583 and later on 264
the saenger, the avanti, the hardy street cinema
The broadway and beverly drive in
It was ms katie's kindergargen, thames and burney
and rowan, blair, beason and hawkins
I am but one of a few thousand souls who
knows the the music that goes with these words

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