

# Boise Poetry Slam

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Thank you

Thanks for letting me participate tonight

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And said that she really loved my poem  
Called Boise Poetry Slam  
Which is weird because  
This is my first time here at the Boise Poetry Slam  
It's also a bit strange because  
I haven't finished that poem yet

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To our new house in Boise. With all of our earthly possessions in  
the trailer

Kids loaded up in the van  
The boy buckled in and told his mom,  
"No mommy, I can do it myself"

Pulling out of the driveway and heading down the street  
We picked up a hitchhiker heading for Boise  
Said his name was Mr. Coleman and he was a jazzman  
He had a saxophone in his hand  
And said he really loved my poem  
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Which was weird because I hadn't started it yet  
He assured me that I would be listening to his music  
When I wrote these lines

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We picked up a traveler heading for Boise  
His name was Mr. Hofstadter and in his hand he carried an old  
tobacco pipe

He said, "This is not a pipe"  
And said he really loved my poem  
Called Boise Poetry Slam  
Which was weird because it wasn't written yet  
Checked my notes and found I had put his name down as David  
Which wasn't right

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