

# Fishladder: A Student Journal of Art and Writing

---

Volume 6 | Issue 1

Article 42

---

10-18-2011

'merica

Andrew DeHaan

Follow this and additional works at: <http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/fishladder>

---

## Recommended Citation

DeHaan, Andrew (2008) "'merica," *Fishladder: A Student Journal of Art and Writing*: Vol. 6: Iss. 1, Article 42.  
Available at: <http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/fishladder/vol6/iss1/42>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by ScholarWorks@GVSU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Fishladder: A Student Journal of Art and Writing by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks@GVSU. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@gvsu.edu](mailto:scholarworks@gvsu.edu).

# 'merica

by Andrew DeHaan

---

in the pre-dawn when I imagine Michelle breaking  
into Moon River, out in the country where the mist sits soft

and cool, where she stretches her voice and climbs in her beat Buick  
—warm three-week-old banana under the passenger seat—

and vrooms off to work, I fall onto the city's rubber airbed,  
and my head is an anvil from a night of shoeing up the laughter

with Mitch and Mike, a night of crawling through  
pipes, skipping in grit, scaling the dew-damp machinery

that lines Fuller Ave.—just south of Wealthy  
—this summer, and when my senses go dull

I am asleep with Ira Glass in my ears: I don't care about America:  
it's just another shiny car on another paved street.