

## Song for the Boy We Almost Ran Over

We almost accidentally ran over a little boy in the parking lot.  
We hadn't expected anything terrible to almost happen when backing out.  
It was a nice day and we'd just had a nice time at the lake when

we almost accidentally ran over a little boy in the parking lot.  
The radio was on and we weren't paying attention when we backed out.  
On the radio someone said the plan to raise taxes was dead in the water.

It was a nice day and we'd just had a nice time at the lake when  
we heard a little boy make the sound of almost being run over by a car.  
There was a long moment of not understanding anything because

on the radio someone said the plan to raise taxes was dead in the water,  
but then we looked and saw the little boy and began to understand.  
He ran to his parents and they yelled at him for being careless.

There was a long moment of not understanding anything because  
he was already so scared, then his face fell apart and he cried.  
It happened in the United States in a terrible parking lot where

he ran to his parents and they yelled at him for being careless.  
We began to drive again, we couldn't imagine doing anything else,  
and we wanted to drive into the future and try not remembering that

it happened in the United States in a terrible parking lot where  
we easily could have killed a little boy with our new eco-friendly car.  
The sound of fender hitting his torso, his head hitting pavement,

and we wanted to drive into the future and try not remembering that  
we'd had such a nice time floating in the water like drowned people,  
and we lived in the United States of not having to say goodbye to

the sound of fender hitting his torso, his head hitting pavement.

— Steve Healey