

**1958, Lindberg Ave & 2nd, McAllen**

I had a buddy, Sam.  
He was one, independent beagle.  
Water plant was down the dusty road two miles South.  
With fishing pole in hand,  
exploring, Sam led the way.  
Snails make for plentiful bait.  
Maybe we'll catch bass today.

**Travis Jr. High - 7th Grade**

I was the minority here.  
Panchucos made my life miserable.  
Big George was my salvation.  
He knew I wasn't bigot.  
Cruel gangs lurked in shadows  
threatening to "clean my plow."  
Their strength was in numbers.  
Gorilla, George leveled playing field.

MEMO: George was poor, Hispanic, honorable and one of my best friends. He save and my life about twice a week for my 3 years at Travis Jr. High. He is a successful prison guard at Huntsville.

**Birthday Party, 1952, McAllen, Age 6**

Time to celebrate a birthday.  
No better place than South Broadway.  
The miniature carnival was there  
with small narrow gauge train  
toot, toot, is everyone ready?  
Get you fingers and toes in.  
Pony rides would come later  
Then cake and birthday celebration.

**Eddie's Covered Wagon, Just East Of McAllen, In Pharr**

Fun at Eddie's covered wagon  
combined dancing, and jumbo, broiled  
frog legs served with fries.  
Putt, putt golf just outside.  
Save some room for watermelon  
served so cold, teeth ached.  
All ages enjoyed covered wagon,  
next to McAllen in Pharr.

**Quinta Mazatlan**

Quinta Mazatlan, show place of  
Valley, nestled in floral oasis.

Quinta was saved from destruction  
by city fathers with vision.  
Lush vegetation surrounds Spanish style  
Ville with magnificent woodcarvings  
and colorful accents of tile.  
Birding center satellite Quinta becomes.

**The Boulders Resort Located In The High Sonoran Desert Outside Of Carefree, Arizona**

The Boulders, breath-taking resort created  
amongst high, desert, granite rocks.  
Coveys of beautiful Gamble's Quail dart  
between cottages nestled amongst foothills.  
Mama javelina and two babies  
scurry along pathways appearing unconcerned.  
Coyote streaks by in night.  
The Boulders, a magic place.