

## Rowing Inland

**Jim Daniels**

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Dipped in acetate, these poems strip Detroit of any pretense and offer a flawless lesson in descriptive concision. But *Rowing Inland* delights because of Jim Daniels's storytelling skills—a chronicle of incidents and anecdotes perfectly suited to poetic form. Born in Detroit, Daniels teaches at Carnegie Mellon University. He's also a short-film maker and author of several books.

Wishbone

My mother commanded her kitchen corner—  
two casement windows cranked open  
in summer while she steamed above  
sudsy dishes, her five kids shot  
into dusk's after-dinner space—  
the street, and other kids like us.

Two potted violets from her dead mother  
anchored the sills. If you find my father  
in this picture, please let me know.  
We still look for him far from that tiny house.  
My mother dried wishbones on those sills.  
It was she who decided they were dry enough  
to break. She never wished herself.

MATT SUTHERLAND (March/April 2017)

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