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Hope is an Open Road

Hope is an open road  
long traveled and never ending.  
We continue on and on  
reading the signs along the way.  
We stop at the road's intersections  
and make decisions galore.  
Some good, some bad.  
We circle back again  
to the main highway,  
and continue in the best direction.  
We can sometimes backtrack  
or go off-road into dirt,  
but then we correct our path  
toward an ultimate destination.  
No matter which way we go,  
or if we get lost along the way,  
there is always a road  
backward or forward,  
or detours and rest stops.  
Then, when we're on the road again,  
always more road to travel.  
There is always hope!

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