

## Loops

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a roller-coaster loops back  
and above before speeding  
forward tho the rails  
always offer an apparent  
forward motion

the mind loops back before  
proceeding -- culture offers  
a convoluted course to its inevitable destination

mind views the matrix of culture  
from the top of the loop  
it reveals a retrograde motion yet it appears  
to be proceeding forward tho  
moving backward

i was given two toy six-guns and a cowboy hat  
when i was six tho these were foreign objects  
in the slums of Darlo Sydney where i grew --  
a pollution in Oz which incongruity  
i remembered while i developed

i had no use for guns and idiotic cowboy hats  
which symbolic directions jarred the magical paths  
of Oz

an indigenous school friend casually remarked that  
his uncle had walked from Melbourne to Sydney to see relatives,  
this loop presented a different and astounding perspective --  
who walks such a distance when trains, cars  
and planes offer transport?

i learned that walking was more than simple locomotion  
for the indigenous, which had walked the veins of this nation  
for thousands of years --  
the view from above revealed their tracks,  
which roads and steel had overlain

i found one of those toy guns in the shed today

the Australian news on radio and TV is American  
(wars) but i had learned to see and walk like an Australian

i move freely like a native through invisible veins to the  
red heart and back to the coast of Australia

i remain out of sync with popular culture  
looping back and above to see  
before proceeding on my way

<http://jungledrum.hopto.org/news/story-3232.html>

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