

# Salt Lake City 1973

## Shawn Mullins

Mormon's are everywhere  
Battalions of bicycling bachelors  
With dark suits  
And well cropped hair  
We're Mormons too  
Have been since '72  
I'm riding between my brother and sister  
In the back seat of a '67 Buick station wagon  
With red vinyl seats  
We stick by each other  
And to those seats  
We've been eating cheese and bacon sandwiches  
Our mother made for thirteen days straight in the August heat  
And both my siblings are wakin' on those eggshells  
As I will soon learn how to do myself  
They play their quiet silly games  
With their peashooters  
As I sip luke-warm Sprite from a tin can  
Sold to me by a hunchback silly bastard old woman  
A hundred miles back  
Who is probably the only person with good sense  
In this part of the country  
I still don't know what to do god-awful bacon and cheese sandwich  
But your body is your temple  
God tells us so,  
So drink up your milk  
And reap what you sow  
I mold the cheese and bacon sandwich into a ball in my hand  
It kind of reminds me of Play-dough  
I look around to see who is watchin'  
And stuff it between the red vinyl seats  
No one will find it  
At least not for a couple of weeks  
We're in this big place now  
It's kind of like 1/2 of an blue plastic Easter egg shell  
And there's a hole in the top  
Where the sun cuts through  
And lights up the room  
And I hear all these male voices

Telling me that black people are inferior  
And it's ok to have more than one wife  
And as the dry dry breath of the Utah sun warms me  
I stand before a statue of Jesus that is far too big  
And has held these folks hostage for so so long  
And I gaze up at the nostrils of the sandstone savior  
And wonder if it  
Can smell all this bullshit  
Cause I sure can  
And I'm only 5 years old  
In Salt Lake City  
In 1973

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