

## **Life is about compromise**

When I was a child, I wanted to dig a hole to China  
But in the hustle and bustle of adulthood, some dreams need to change  
So instead I dug a hole to Iowa City, Iowa.  
The other side opens in the parking lot of a Kwik Star  
Which is what they call Kwik Trip there for some reason  
That's the kind of exotic experience you unlock for yourself when you dig a hole to Iowa City,  
Iowa.  
Traveling expands your horizons  
And digging keeps your claws from getting too long  
It's the nice Kwik Star too,  
Across from the 24-hour chipotle and George Washington School of Dentistry  
You should come some time!

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