

## Staccato

### Backseat Drivers

New driver on *permit* heads for freeway.  
Backseat riders *submit* their own by-way.  
**Drive on! Drive on!** GPS guides  
as critics suggest and take sides.  
She steers on unfamiliar back road.  
**Drive on** safely as your passengers goad.

New driver on own *path* soon and will choose  
own directions incur *wrath* and will lose.  
**Seek joy! Seek joy!** Bad times will get better  
Can't follow backseat advice by letter.  
Explore the back roads and your own by-way.  
**Seek joy** by taking best route, the high way.

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1. Two or more 6-line stanzas
2. Rhyme Scheme: a-a-b-b-c-c-
3. Syllable Count: 10-10-8-8-10-10
4. Two syllable repeat in Lines 3 and 6.
5. The repeat is for strong emotion, instruction, strong observation.
6. Line 3 has two repeats each followed by exclamation point,
7. Line 6 has one repeat followed with or without an exclamation point.
- 8 Line #1 and #2 have internal rhymes. Try for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> syllables.
9. In this poem the repeats are bolded. The internal rhymes in italics.