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Drifting through the Carolina mountains,  
Rigid altars to the sky  
Line a winding, windy road.  
Cloudy hazes hide their summits,  
Seep through crevices and cracks.  
Grey ornamentation  
Shadows stately beauty,  
Like antebellum "ma'ams" who fast become old maids,  
Growing weathered and wrinkled  
With age and tidy tears.  
They rest in early morning,  
Cradled in the mist  
Savoring a sweet last moment  
Of refuge from the sky.  
Sighs in gentle winds,  
Tears in cleansing rain  
Wear slowly on the shells  
That face the August sun.  
Sacred interstate ground that so demands a view--  
Man encroaches in his rush  
On misty morning blues.

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