

## Wilderness House Literary Review 18/4

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**Young Ego**

I begged in the kitchen of a farm house.

I used a blank toy to pull down a patch of sky.  
I hid by teachers and feared the trips to a dental office.  
I rooster-squawked in classrooms  
and pondered in libraries that were awe-filling.

I walked cowboy across a rolling prairie,  
not a soul for miles.

I collapsed to earth from a height.

I marooned an ocean because my  
thoughts rained for days.

I knocked my star  
out of the network of  
golden stars in the firmament  
that were my family. They didn't  
care as much as I thought.

I walked a line through  
the natural world and didn't quit.

I am lifting you up on  
my shoulders.