I Took My Car to the Corner Store to Get a Loaf of Bread

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I took my car to the corner store,
to get a loaf of bread;
It turned out to be quite a trip,
when all was done and said.
First I took the doors along,
as they were first at hand;
A trip with each, my heart did pound,
the exercise was grand.
Next I took the hood and trunk,
they easily came undone;
The body posed a bigger task,
it could not be moved as one.
I'll not tell all, about the chore,
with torch and saw to render;
Suffice to say, when it was done,
I could carry every member.
But for the engine, I had to cheat,
its weight too much for me;
I brought a wagon to the task,
man powered, though, you see.
With fenders, gears and manifolds,
bumpers, clutch and brakes;
My heart and lungs were racing now,
a little rest I'd take.
Oh how I love my motor car,
its chrome and paint do shine;
The neighbours stare as we go by,
I'm so glad that it is mine.
The tires I choose to roll along,
a wonder is the wheel;

After axles, tranny and padded seats,

I was ready for my meal.

Alone, one man, but for his car,

the corner store's so handy;

I got the bread that I came for,

some cheese and also candy.

The joys of transport are so grand,

the world is there to roam;

I took my car to the corner store,

now I have to take it home.

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to

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