

## Identity

Inspired by *Catcher in the Rye*

If you really want to hear it,  
first thing you'll want to know is where I was born.  
What my lousy childhood was like,  
all that David Copperfield kind of crap.  
I'm not going into it.  
That stuff bores me.

My parents would have two hemorrhages apiece,  
if I told anything personal.  
Not gonna tell you my whole autobiography,  
or anything.

I'm the most terrific liar,  
you ever saw in your life.  
It's awful.  
I'd go to buy a magazine,  
someone asked where I was going  
I'd say I'm going to the opera.

Oh!  
Forgot to tell you,  
I was kicked out of goddam Pencey.

