

***"There's A Hole In My Sidewalk: Autobiography In Five Short Chapters"***

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**Chapter I**

I walk down the street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk  
I fall in.  
I am lost ... I am helpless.  
It isn't my fault.  
It takes forever to find a way out.

**Chapter II**

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I pretend I don't see it.  
I fall in again.  
I can't believe I am in the same place.  
But, it isn't my fault.  
It still takes a long time to get out.

**Chapter III**

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I see it is there.  
I still fall in ... it's a habit ... but,  
my eyes are open.  
I know where I am.  
It is my fault.  
I get out immediately.

**Chapter IV**

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I walk around it.

**Chapter V**

I walk down another street.

