Autobiography in Five Chapters

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- I walk down the street
 There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
 I fall in.
 I am lost I am hopeless.
 It isn't my fault.
 It takes forever to find a way out.
- 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'm in the same place.
 But it isn't my fault.
 It still takes a long time to get out.
- 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
 My eyes are open
 I know where I am
 It is my fault.
 I get out immediately.
- 4) I walk down the same street.

 There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
 I walk around it.
- 5) I walk down another street.