

about that hope and change thing . . .

grand ma lived near the prison  
grand pa stayed at a boarding house  
it didn't seem unnatural  
it was just the way it was

I learned to play the violin  
they moved me to the cello  
I didn't like it but didn't protest  
it was just the way it was

there was catechism, first communion, confirmation,  
and the creation of sins in the confessional but  
I didn't really know God  
it was just the way it was

I didn't know oppression or suppression  
or institutionalized segregation  
I think it would have seemed unnatural  
but that was just the way it was