What's a Zip Ode?

Memorialize your federally appointed numerical designation by writing an ode to your zip code.

Each zip ode is five numbers, so each Zip Ode will be five lines – the number of words in each line is determined by the number in your particular zip code.

If your zip code has a zero, that line can be left blank, or use a symbol such as $, #, or a capital O.

Try making a map of your life with your zip codes.

68502 Lincoln, NE
there’s a picture of this house
I try but do not remember its rooms
too little when we left
the war
•
68066 Wahoo, NE
vague memories are all I have
wartime housing shortages made mansions out of garages
neighbors became best of friends briefly
waiting for the return of peace
•
68504 Lincoln, NE
tiny house beside a fairy garden
then big gray house with a practical garden orchard in the ‘south forty’
the campus anchored them