Ribbon of Stone

1. Ribbon of Stone on patchwork velvet
   Summer green or winter white
   Mountain highway, misty byway
   Crazy quilt of natural beauty

2. Kettle of hawks mid migration
   Warblers welcoming spring
   Settlers’ cabin, native garden
   Heirloom quilt of history

   A billion stars watch the travelers
   A million stones in wall and arches
   A thousand hills with rails to hold them in

   A million trees show their colors
   A hundred creeks plunge and wander
   Four hundred sixty nine stunning miles

   A Ribbon of Stone....
   Blue Ridge Parkway, OOO, oOooo
   Story Quilt, written with a Ribbon of Stone.

3. Living back then was harder than granite
   It was softened by a song
   Ghosted history, stitched in beauty,
   Picture of an era now long gone

4. The Good Gray Road stretches before us
   Present, past and future, too
   From first nation for generations
   We’re passing down this quilt as we pass through