

## Mustang

He is to be heard, 500 strong; growling  
brawny, sinuous muscle, yellow, screaming yellow  
sleek, solid, sensuous, the Peregrine in flight  
He is legendary: Ford, Shelby, Rousch, Shaker  
Kenne Bell, Brembo, McPhearson, passionate  
He is salacious: displacement, torque, cubic inches  
bore, stroke, compression, compulsive  
He is reckless, supercharged fast, the cheetah in pursuit  
zero to 60 in 4.5, intoxicating

Trapped on the Interstate, flagged down, tagged!

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I too, am to be heard, running alone, trembling  
this dominant stallion rebuffed  
no harem, no mares nor foals: feral, the mesteño  
I chase the beauty of the seasons, free-roaming  
the grace of God provides my Western range  
I know, I don't understand; Massacre Lakes, Fog Hog,  
Calico Mountain  
opening themselves to me, haven from angst  
I am imprisoned, this unbridled freedom,  
these wild plains, grasses brown, wither and die  
I, eluding, yet yearning, the lasso, the brand, the fence!