Subject: Quote about traveling
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Ralph Waldo Emerson in 1841:

Traveling is a fool's paradise. Our first journeys discover to us the indifference of places. At home I dream that at Naples, at Rome, I can be intoxicated with beauty, and lose my sadness. I pack my trunk, embrace my friends, embark on the sea, and at last wake up in Naples, and there beside me is the stern fact, the sad self, unrelenting, identical, that I fled from. I seek the Vatican, and the palaces. I affect to be intoxicated with sights and suggestions, but I am not intoxicated. My giant goes with me wherever I go.

What parts of this do you like/dislike? I'm so-so on the first sentence (kind of strong, but I think I get it), enjoy what he says in middle, and really like that last sentence.