

Tom Longboat

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The road to town.

Tom's Story

Tom Longboat tells his mother a story.
Tom tells his mother how far he ran.
Tom tells her how he ran down the
road to the town. Tom tells his mother
how long the run takes him.

Tom
lives in
Ohsweken.



The trip to town is 25 miles.