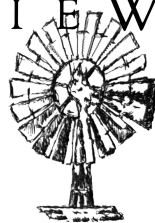


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# William Eagle Feather Changes His Name

by Robert Cooperman

When I gave you the name  
Hair Filled With Sun,  
you smiled, wore it  
more gracefully  
than Mrs. Lavinia Burden.

Now, it's time for me  
to pick a new name:  
Finds the Path,  
a name that counts coup  
over the white blood  
that battles inside me  
with the Ute.

Your eyes glitter mischief,  
thinking this new name  
a vanity  
when I should be finding us  
a good berry patch,  
of if the smoke  
you spy in the distance  
is a white settlement  
or some escaped Lakotas:  
even more dangerous  
for us to get close to.

But I do find the paths  
we follow  
in our mountain dodging  
of desperate bands,  
and of settlers and soldiers  
howling vengeance  
for Custer.

If half the rumors  
whispered of him be true,  
an unholy fool.

