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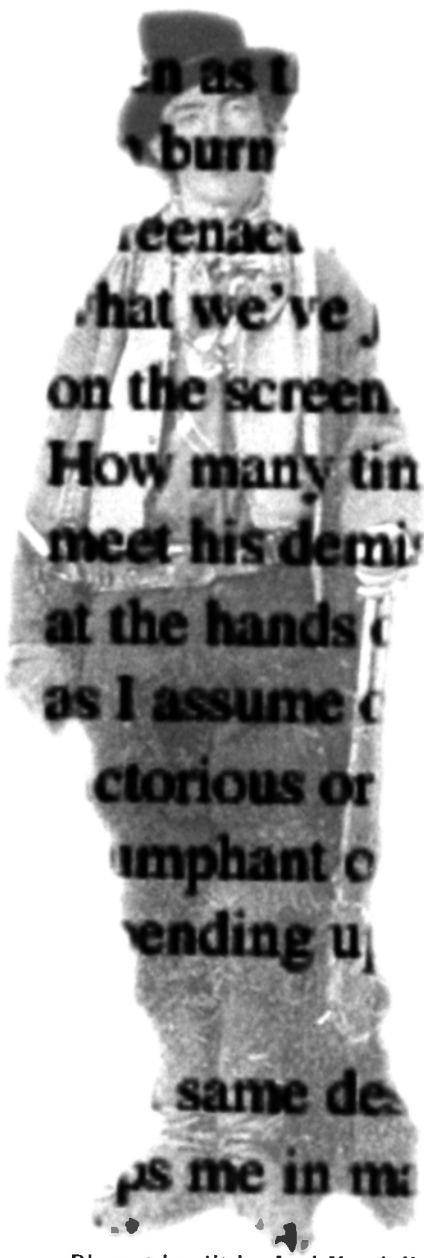
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by Rick Taylor

Even as the credits begin rolling,  
I'm burning to get home  
to reenact with play guns  
what we've just observed  
on the screen.

How many times does Billy the Kid  
meet his demise  
at the hands of Pat Garrett,  
as I assume one role or the other,  
victorious or dead,  
triumphant or sprawled,  
depending upon the chosen scenario?

That same desire to create  
grips me in maturity  
with an identical eruption  
of bursting energy,  
only now the end product  
is poetry instead of movie plots,  
prose instead of gunfire.  
Coming directly from life as it does,  
the new inspiration can be  
as small as a robin's egg  
or as large as the universe.



*Photo (detail) by Joel Kendall*

