The White Rider

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“ODE TO T.V. PRODUCTION!”

The lights are on.
The stage is set.
The cameras wait in ready.
The Director sits in the highest seat, Nervous, hot and sweaty.
The floor manager awaits his first command, just to give the signal.
The actor’s raving to go, yet pale and green and dismal.

Oh, the dream of a perfect take, the master gives his directions But then, one small unexpected mistake and all are in a mist of rejection!

But try and try again say we, I know we’ll win out in T.V. 3

— Sharon Murphy

“A Date with the Hangman”
by Scott Tomkowiak

As of this moment, I share a prison cell with five rather large rats and a colony of cockroaches. It has been six sweltering days since the U.S. marshals threw me into this wooden lockup and I can’t wait to get out. Even so, I’m a doomed man. In about thirty minutes, I, along with five other shackled men will face the gallows and the devil. From my small barred, window I can see the hideous con- cession that will transport me into the next life. Outside, I view wagonloads of townspeople, settlers and other hangers- on to watch this event. My God, there must be over a thousand people out in that field!

Thoughts race around in my head quicker than the fastest stagecoach. Maybe President McKinley will grant me a last minute pardon to set me free. If that happens, I might croak anyway. Regardless, this isn’t a fairytale. Pardons for scum like myself come once in a blue moon.

My memory sends me back to two weeks ago when I shot my grimy cowpoke for his new boots and fancy ivory six-shooter. The blood came gushing out of his chest so rapidly that grimy cowpoke for his new boots and fancy ivory six-shooter. The blood came gushing out of his chest so rapidly that grimy cowpoke for his new boots and fancy ivory six-shooter. The blood came gushing out of his chest so rapidly that grimy cowpoke for his new boots and fancy ivory six-shooter. The blood came gushing out of his chest so rapidly that grimy cowpoke for his new boots and fancy ivory six-shooter. The blood came gushing out of his chest so rapidly that grimy cowpoke for his new boots and fancy ivory six-shooter. The blood came gushing out of his chest so rapidly that grimy cowpoke for his new boots and fancy ivory six-shooter. The blood came gushing out of his chest so rapidly that grimy cowpoke for his new boots and fancy ivory six-shooter. 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