The Hillbilly Poet
*(search for place)*
by Walter Lane

The hillbilly poet can’t die.
He has no place to go.
The coroner buried a stranger’s child
In the hillbilly poet’s burial plot.
A hillbilly isn’t even uncouth
Enough to evict a child from
His grave.

The Library of Congress ruled
The hillbilly poet can’t copyright
His imagination unless he writes a book.
His keyboard person/typist says
She won’t type his book,
That would make her a professional.
She is an ombudsman—almost a real man.

The hillbilly poet wasn’t allowed to participate
In the Mountain Dream Library Folk Festival
Because he has no book to sell.
Being published a hundred times
In academic publications does not count
As much as once by Vanity Press,
a nationally advertised subsidy publisher.