

# 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.