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COMBOLAND

"I wanna go the rodeo,"  
skin-and-bones with the buzz cut said

over the rustle of his sighing bags  
of denim, lowering to the sawdust

and the popcorn-stained t-shirts  
upholstering pierced nipples

in the low tax bracket of rented love  
and vermillion sands,

like saliva entering the young  
body's old life in dollar-shaped drops.