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Consider Karl of Ernstthal  
A. k.a. Kara Ben Nemsi  
Who'd never been  
To Ottoman Turkey  
And only posthumously  
Bore the Wild West  
Clear to South Dakota  
Where a Shatterhand  
Would as soon kick aside  
As make a sidekick  
Of a Lakota (Sioux)  
Or of a Winnetou

And the day is not saved  
To be savoured  
By a Hitler  
Who eats whole countries  
For breakfast, or dinner  
Or Jause  
Like Yugoslavia  
In whose canyons the Germans and partisans  
Made a war playing cowboys and Indians  
(As a 35 millimeter  
And a 50 caliber  
Clicked away)  
Inspired by the self-same  
Karl Friedrich May

And in the time of May  
Personalities multiplied  
Each with a name,  
But the sickness they  
Collectively implied  
Had no name at all  
Until later, D.I.D.,

In the tamed West  
Where to be  
Many people  
Is unnatural  
And where the danger of losing yourself  
Or being lost by another  
Quite real

In fact,  
We do it  
All the time

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