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You have seen this picture:

*he falls away
from his gun, suspended
sitting
in mid air
arms out spread.*

*Beneath him
in the grass of a hillside
is his last shadow,
toward which he is falling.*

-- James Hazard
Whiting, Indiana

THE SHIELD

Far in the distance like a star some very little thing begins to dance. It is a crazy little thing. It makes legs for itself. It dances in the fire on a cold and windy night. There is a very short fat man coming up through the snow. He has a smile on his face. He is laughing because he is so happy. His arms bulge with muscles because above his head he carries a great load of treebranches. And then he disappears. He becomes nothing but a shield painted red white and blue.

-- Robert Lowry
Cincinnati, Ohio

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