

DRUMSTICK FOR CODY

first I found a stick
that would do
it was a little longer
than necessary
but you will grow

scrounged up
an old towel
which I cut
into 3-inch strips

I stapled these strips
to the stick and
stitched them down

then I covered them
with white buckskin
stitched that down
with waxed thread
& split the excess
into fringe

I cut more fringe
for the handle
added some brass tacks
and two wing feathers
from a magpie
Uncle Adam shot

and it was done

I hope it gives you songs
that glide
like that hawk
out the kitchen window
with all those clouds
floating like a painting
just above your
line of vision

-- Kirk Robertson

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