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What Really Happens

Oh and yea it is that we have come to know
that fiction overcomes all spoken and believed;
it can take a given truth
and wrap it around your little finger
until blood stops flowing to your head.
Fiction erases historical truth
and writes some other thing on the last page,
until historians shake their heads
and shout huzzah and stop the presses.
One day hero and next the goat -
a good deed acclaimed but suspicion arises;
a saint proclaimed until from your ashes
vile thoughts are whispered into eager ears.
You then wake up as a naked statue standing
among pigeons in the public square,
not as pure as the day you were born.

-Dennis Herrell
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