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Blue light reflects from metal,
floods the corners of the room
above the stage with three dynamic
youngsters and one old sage,
wrinkled and balding, well past
his seventieth year, but aging
well; he's full of strength and joie de vivre,
urging on his protégés.

Blue light is stabbed and strobing,
flickering from the surface
of the golden saxophone,
reflecting from the drums
as Billy's flailing arms drive on the tempo,
polyrhythmic and true.
A whirlwind of energy silhouetted
against the rhapsody of blue.

-Paul Ilechko
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