

## Ring of Fire

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You guide your X-Acto knife  
through a thick slab of wood, etching Johnny Cash's  
silhouette, unhindered through the splinters.

I can see your misshapen finger, its peculiar bend—  
fallen at the hand of amber autumn-permitting backyard  
football. The muddy grass behind the climbing

tree was always slippery. I know you didn't intend  
to split your wedding band—  
silver just doesn't hold up as it used to do.