The Last Villainous Half-Breed

Had I been crossed with the distrusted other
Half, I might have been successful rather:

Chink Apache, Spic Canuck…As queues
On scalps would find a gory pull-chain use

And Mariachi bands aid Alouette--
It needs it--either I'd have been the dread

Physician Fu Manchu, or--say they cancel,
Ethnic evils--Brit Mahatma. Hansel,

Gretl, folklore, pulp, as two stock figures
Underneath the cuckoo are the augurs

Telling weather, so Louis Riel
Moves in an out of time as outlawed ill

Luck of the Royal Mounted or the pre-
Mandela of a free Quebec. Mainstay

Of penny dreadfuls and the comic strips'
Unfailing fodder, are these archetypes

Stereotypes too idly unopposed
Or, ineradicable, holocaust

Incitements? Race is profile too pronounced.
In that sense what Full Blood was ever lynched

For nothing? Once the Sons of Adam split,
The Mark of Cain is what one makes of it.