

*Phil Rice*

## **The Cutting Room**

We never went to the movies,  
you and I; never sat in a darkened  
theatre washing popcorn down  
with fountain Coke; never walked  
the aisle; never watched  
the credits roll while waiting for the  
crowd to thin; never rode home  
discussing our favorite scenes,  
hands resting on inner thighs;  
never ate red velvet  
cake in bed before drawing the  
curtain and turning down the lights.

That's how I imagine you see us,  
as a well-scripted movie, unseen.

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