

HI-YO, SILVER! AWAY!

Have you ever wondered what if someone who died many years ago, could come back to earth as themselves?

I love to speculate on old west characters such as The Lone Ranger, Tonto, Billy the Kid, Matt Dillon, Miss Kitty and Wyatt Earp. What would they think of the world today and how would they embrace our modern lifestyle? Let's find out.

First of all, let us bring the masked man, The Lone Ranger and his trusty companion, Tonto, into any modern town. Of course, they will be riding their horses, Silver and Scout, and they will also be riding at a record-breaking speed.

As the masked man and his Indian companion approach a town, all they want is a nice hot bath and something good to eat. The horses switch their tails and run quickly down the main street with The Lone Ranger shouting, "Hi-yo, Silver! Away!"

Now, The Lone Ranger has not only broken the law by speeding, but he could get arrested for creating a disturbance. The masked man also has a gun in his holster. That means another citation from law enforcement, especially if the weapon is concealed.

The two men look around in amazement. This town does not look like any they have ever visited. What are those strange moving things going down the street with people in them? It appears as if it is some kind of a transportation device, but it is unlike any horse they have ever ridden.

As The Lone Ranger and Tonto travel through town looking for a place to spend the night, they get to the end of the town. On the outskirts, they see big golden arches, big stores, and funny

buildings that look like a pump with a hose in the front of them. (Could that be a place to hitch their horses?)

The two men are tired, dusty, and hungry. Where is the town saloon? Where are the hotels with bar maids and a good poker game? (A little fun wouldn't be so bad either.)

They decide to tie up their trusty horses and go inside one of the places that looks like they might have something to eat. The Lone Ranger saunters up to the ordering bar and says, "I want a big juicy steak, a cold drink and a good hot bath."

"Sorry sir, all we have are hamburgers, other sandwiches, fries and pies. There is not a boarding house here or a place for your horses," says a server. Besides, you cannot leave those horses out there. They will make a mess."

The two tired men said they were hungry, so could they try one of those "hamburgers?" And yes, one of those drinks called a milkshake?

Paying the bill is quite embarrassing as these two characters only have one silver bullet to use to pay their bill.

People are getting restless; you can hear a police siren in the background. Tonto looks around at all the people in line to eat, the things referred to as cars going down the street, the big stores and the golden arches. He says, "Kemosabe, this is all new and different. This is not our life. The world has changed; let us go back to the time from which we came."

The Lone Ranger agrees they must leave, so off they ride into the sunset on Silver and Scout. But you can still hear these words coming loud and clear, "A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty 'Hi-Yo, Silver! Away!'"

How things have changed! We have progressed into towns, villages, and cities with new

technology, new schools, new stores, many varieties of food and a lot of our ancestors would not see anything remaining from their past.

Do you ever think about what a person would think of our lifestyle now, compared to the 1800s? Do you think they would be lost in our quick moving, fast food, fast car world?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your thoughts.