



**OGLIGLE WAKAN TUWA KAHABA (LITTLE ANGEL WHO CURLS UP LIKE A
FLAME)**

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In May of 1999 my eight-year-old Norwegian Elkhound died of kidney failure. "Ogligle Wakan Tuwa Kahaha" was his registered name, which in the Cherokee and Sioux Indian dialects means "Little angel who curls up like a flame." I have come to understand that I need to be able to include him in the visual vocabulary that I am developing in my work.

This piece is my first step in my need to expand the visual vocabulary that I work with, as well as to satisfy my need for integrating my exposed-warp tapestry technique with digital printing on textiles. For this piece, the digital printing takes the form of a shroud, printed on scrim in the foreground and a shadow, printed on a fine gauge knit in the background. The printed fabrics surround the ladder-guy-like skeletal form of Jasper (my dog's nickname), who has now been entered as the next letter/word in my visual alphabet.