John Bonham

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There is an empty space,
between every note in rock 'n' roll,
where they have buried John Bonham,
and I can't help but think about
all the booze he drank,
the day he died.
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how easily he must have fallen asleep,
or if he looked forward to playing later in the week
or if he even gave a shit at all.

I see old videos of a drummer, vital and animated crushing sounds into existence and think:
How could you have died, choking on your own bile, how could you have left this world through a vice like that?

Now, they call him the best of all time, died 32 around all his friends, an alcohol overdose to murder a god. I just think it's a huge fucking shame, is all, And shit, I don't even like Zeppelin.