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DEAD LETTERS

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They've found human remains
14-Carat Gold dentures, a bearskin
a live python, some tarantulas
all this life—a record of life

the flight of unboxed birds

life itself weighed, postage paid,
contained, shipped, lost to death
& redeemed by the cutting of a knife
to flutter around the concrete
& cinderblock room populated
by dead mail men