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bury me face down
bury me fast
bury me with faint praise
bury me facing Jerusalem
so I can get a running start
bury me

 with hands that fool
even the dead leave the dirt
loose as false sky
 bury the rocks
you might place on my grave
bury the hatchet bury me

brick by brick
they build the highway going
over my head—we are the weight-
bearing dead
 we as well as ask for it

bury the thought
bury the separations of light
bury the rain

bury what you don't want
that you can't
bury receding and being drawn up

doesn't change it's still
the sea

bury my light collected
from stars reflecting
on the water's surface
on the inside of the rain
bury the rain

I can only bring myself
closer to the world
or the world closer to me

spare me
the thought
that I care about the highway
spare me the ground
is a prayer shawl at a dance