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Funeral? I dumped the son
of a bitch's ashes into rotted

palm leaves, worn out mulch, black
dirt fit only for scorpions

and a one-eyed cat's sour piss.
Do I miss him? Does a

heroin addict who's killed her
own child dare to say prayers

on weekends? His only friends
were fat tight cigars, a man

who stole trash from the town.
The sound of his voice when he

called me to lie? A vicious
dog trying to drown.

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