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Tallow and soot rubbed in creases--
Dirt stains with grease spots--
Caked mud sporadically allotted--
Broken, clumped spider webs falling thin--
Rusted metal in corrosion heaps--
Decaying wood, small and big--
Mossy planks with wet undersides--
Reeking of putrid, stale erosion--
An attic of boxes unopened for years--
Creaking floor with crooked nails--
Broken light bulbs and shadowy forms--
Hornet-nest of paper remains--
Debris collected drably into layers--
Debris like sheets on tops of things--

Further, through the process of dislocation, demotion, demolition, and bland relocation, the objects and particles mentioned separate, segment, lose flavor, and forfeit color, weight, feel, smell, and reverberation. They drift in the whims of galactic black air landing meaninglessly among the multitudes. Still, together, silent, they are dust. Dust, the grime of ancient rash, yet available, with the breath of God to take form, born into the life of flesh.