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Final Resting Place

Bruce W. Maki

Old yarrow cemetery blocks
recline on the hillside
on the mississippi palisade.

A century,
and the names and dates
have dripped off onto the ground
leaving blind, white monolith
of marble.

The repaired prop over sagging
coffins.

The new touch raggedly raw boned
earth.

And the nuclear sun
gives their breath
to green green grass.

This House Weeps

Jason O'Donnell

Broken leg of a slow chair
Open seam, faded wardrobe
Egg shells and wounded kitchen...

This house weeps.

Sprain of window sill
Paint cracked and lifted like cancer
Musty hallways and termite
cabarets...

This house weeps.

Empty cupboards above lonely sink
All dishes broken, none to clean
Someone was born
Someone fell in love
Someone died under a starlit sky...

This house weeps...