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A Funeral

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Picture a portrait of
many men in longcoats noir
like tommy-gun gangsters in forties' films
and women dressed for a dinner
being held in a white room
while a single man reads familiar words
to the dead dressed in wood
as rain falling to the ground
finds a space of clay
where grass had been
before today.