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## Cemetery

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the gravediggers'  
radio plays classic rock  
singing together they bring  
up cool black dirt  
to open a new bed  
the heavy scoop of the  
yellow backhoe  
rattles as it  
creates a hole

billowing black exhaust  
escapes as the teeth  
sink deeper

sliding through  
an angled landscape  
of stone  
and rough mowed fields  
another metallic arm  
a distant procession  
carries its  
polished treasure  
down  
to a similar hole  
where similar  
songs await  
its closing