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She wears a coat with so many pockets that
I am certain she has kept every tooth she's ever lost

I reach my hand in and pull out
smooth, cold incisors and
heavy molars
heavier still with
filled cavities from sugary youth
ashamedly baring dull, metal centers
but they smell nothing of rot
only of what makes room for growth.

I drop them back one by one and hear them
clink
--like pennies saved and never spent
like tiny bones remembering
like
the sound the ring I gave you makes
in the morning on the
sink