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The dead dog’s midsection still squirmed
so I almost threw up.
This mamma never nursed her pups
who now fought to escape the soft walls
of fur speeding red Suzuki Swift
sent flying into the gutter
where crisp leaves covered
a cold cement coffin

and never in all my life
had I so strongly considered
taking a razorblade
to a man’s best friend’s
swollen belly
in hopes of impromptu C-section
performed without experience
to retrieve mucus-covered premie cubs
welcome into the world
of trees, sky,
and sometimes warm milk

and I might have done it, too,
had the razorblade been handy
but the prickly grass underfoot
was absent of sharp objects

so instead my wet eyes watched
as daylight passed
into dark