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**Tonnage**

We don't know who buries us. We suspect,  
in the night, dirt drifts to the next acreage.

## Tonnage

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Nitrogen changes hands. Phosphorous  
not phosphorescent. And in the morning,

how to stop you from flowering  
in the little footholds, bearing fruit?

Left alone, granite clefs itself.

Empires rattle in their sleep  
(all those monuments, granite).

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