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Tonnage

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

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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 clefts itself.

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

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