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## At the Military Cemetery

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rows of white stones  
gleam in evening sun

same sun walks  
on the red bridge  
the hills across  
open water

thinking how  
the dead are walking  
tiptoeing into earth  
that slopes  
to the bay  
becomes the bay  
how they become  
grains pulled by rain  
down through ground  
that grounds the water  
grounds the bridge  
anchors boats  
and rises  
again  
as land

green hills  
evening sun

on the other side

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