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## SHALLOW GRAVE

I dug a hole one day. Placing in it  
faces and feelings that were once  
traumatic, I covered it with  
shame and fear.

I'd show it to you, but  
you wouldn't approve, and I've  
forgotten where it is;  
I suppose I planned it that way.

You seem curious, wanting to brush off the dirt.  
I've tried removing it myself,  
but I mustn't uncover the truth.  
Why think at all, if only to relive  
the anguish and bring to the surface  
pain, so carefully buried in my shallow grave . . .  
Perhaps I dug too deep.

*Diane Turco*