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WRITTEN ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF A SOLDIER IN
GERMANY

his life soaks into the ground
it absorbs unmercifully
what was is no longer
how utterly futile
to die in the back lot of some
unknown, faceless, building
a child sent from home
to become a man
throws away that which is so important
to a man

the night is warm, a crimson pool beside him
silver specks dance in the blackness
that hovers about him
and that which flows from him
the stupor of Bacchus has forced him
through that window and the window
through him
 so futile
so absolutely futile

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