

THE ROOTS OF LIFE

THO I'VE WALKED TEN MILES TO REACH THIS SPOT

TO SEE WHAT GROWS FROM YOUR OLD GRAVEPLOT,

THE ONLY HURT IS TO HEAR MEN SAY

THAT A THING LIKE YOU SHOULD BE CHOPPED AWAY.

FOR I'VE HOPE SOMEDAY,
THO NOT TOO NEAR,
TO BE THE SAME AS YOU ARE HERE,
TO GIVE SOME FRUIT TO PASSERSBY
TO BE OF USE WHEN I HAVE DIED.

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