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*Emily Dabney Clark, 1898-1981*

Nothing, not even iron,  
could hold a grudge like you.  
Thirty years you made my father wait  
in the car outside, ringed by starlings.  
So much less  
than you hoped for.

I too have kept my anger  
staved in my chest.  
But the dead are too heavy  
to carry, that is why I've laid you down,  
here, among the others.

Their beautiful, high foreheads  
are yellow as candles. They light the dusk.  
They sweeten the earth. Crows  
fly from my mouth.

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