

How you know which one is yours

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It's the logistics that trip you up.
You should have bought large garbage bags
to put the clothes in, though they aren't garbage,

still with his smell in them, burlap and lemon.
To trick a sheep whose lamb has died
farmers flay the dead one
and put its fleece on a living one
so the mother will suckle it for her own.

You put on his warm barn coat.
There's a tissue in the left pocket.
The president said today every effort
is being made to keep the troops safe.
All the other pockets are empty.