

Elegy for eulogies

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Sometimes we were surprised
or not
but always we felt bad
to hear
there'll be no funeral
no kind
of memorial service
no way
to celebrate those lives
beyond
a pixelated program on
a screen.

All of us did our best
but still
it seemed like standing at
the graves
of souls forever marked
Unknown.