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frozen sparrows are buried in the snowy ground next to the tree that was their nursery.

an automobile-mutilated cat is interred in the corner of the yard that harbored its favorite parcel of sunlight.

an old and faithful dog is put to rest near the weathered porch which he long shared with his master in twilight hours.

soldiers are buried in great battlefields, sailors at sea — they belong to these places and become a part of them.

when I finally escape this life when the ever-threading feet of time or the carelessly-flung hand of fate crushes my insect life, let me rest someplace where lovers meet . . .

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