

A Song Sung Sweet to Greet the Dead

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for Tybias, Levi, Leon, and their grandmother

No shovel.

No spells.

No steeple.

No bells.

We will look for
you in signs;

the fantail's bounce

and nodding branch,

those mountains
flaming
in the sun.

Between our ribs,

where the fire
casts its shadow
on the first
cave wall,

you wait in the silence.

Sound and sense
will arrive later,

like dogs

barking up the
wrong tree.

No matter
where we turn

you are in
the palm
of our hands.

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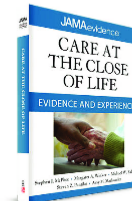
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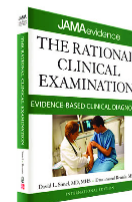
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