

## ON PASSING A GRAVEYARD

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May perpetual light shine upon  
The faces of all who rest here.  
May the lives they lived  
Unfold further in spirit.  
May all their past travails  
Find ease in the kindness of clay.  
May the remembering earth  
Mind every memory they brought.  
May the rains from the heavens  
Fall gently upon them.  
May the wildflowers and grasses  
Whisper their wishes into light.  
May we reverence the village of presence  
In the stillness of this silent field.

