

## ECHOES OF THE DOG ●

### Holly Day

The first thing we need to do is dig a large hole  
one wide enough to fit everything from the past into it  
deep enough to be able to cover everything completely once  
the deed is done, deep and wide enough that once the hole is  
refilled  
the ground can be stomped flat without exposing  
the errant kitchen utensil, a dusty, furred teddy bear leg.

Afterwards, seeds must be spread over the ground  
something that grows quickly so that in just a few days  
no one would ever guess the wreckage beneath the new  
shoots.

beans, perhaps, some verdant and vigorous writhing vine  
looking for a tree or twig to whirl tendrils around  
or perhaps just grass, some mixed-seed blend  
guaranteed to sprout at the first hint of water.

Years later, when people stumble over this site, they'll find  
only jungle, or prairie, or even just hard, packed dirt  
nothing to hint that our lives together ended here.