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*And though our loved one is laid low in the grave,
we must still praise... – words of a fool*

That's what we are
A networking of fools caught in a program of idiocy
Devoid of pride
Devoid of reason

You must laugh at this circus scene
Men with witless grins
skipping in the ring
who trip and fall
but raise their red-tipped canes
from the foul dust of the earth
To Hail!

You make a mockery of our destined existence.
But I will not be fooled
I still have some pride
I yell from the foundations of the earth
to summon the knowledge of men

And then
You ask me to look where I stand
to consider the source of the knowledge of man
to remember what I know of love and sacrifice.

I am betrayed.