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Thrones: things are often stained there
and never humble a man's name
carved onto a headstone will swell with
moss and pride once it was all
grace in the lifting at every turn
fiery wheels of wrath never kneel
at a philosopher's grave the stones
of sloth find tombs of prominent
figures in Serbia envy the most
persuasive his life at his back
a man will still covet a lust for life
and the Eucharist gluttons for
the punctual after bishops approve
nine of ten exorcisms holy spoor
soup for the poor never turn on
a vivid imagination spirits make
two chilling sounds the rest are
kept secret patch the willful holes
in memory these are field notes
for healing discourse like weeds
far out on a solitary lake