

# Funeral



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I FIND MYSELF NOW,  
TRAVELLING FOR  
FUNERALS.....



I DON'T GO  
FOR THE  
PERSON WHO  
HAS DIED.  
I'VE  
SEEN ENOUGH  
DEAD BODIES  
TO  
REALISE  
THEY  
HAVE  
GONE.

THOUGH  
IT'S GOOD  
TO HAVE  
RESPECT  
FOR  
THE  
BODY





I'VE BURIED MANY A BODY.

I GO TO THE FUNERAL TO LET  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW  
THAT I  
CARE  
ABOUT  
THEM.

AND  
TO  
HUG  
PEOPLE  
WHEREAS  
I NORMALLY  
WOULDN'T.



ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO I  
BEGAN CRYING UNCONTROLLABLY  
AT FUNERALS



EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T  
KNOW THE PERSON AT ALL -  
I WOULD BE OVERCOME... ..

I FELT TOTALLY EMBARRASSED  
TO BE WAITING FOR SOMEONE  
I HARDLY KNEW AND  
IT WAS EXHAUSTING  
AND FELT  
AWFUL.

IF I  
KNEW THE  
PERSON  
WELL IT  
WAS WORSE.



OUTSIDE FUNERALS MY GRIEF  
IS MORE STOIC AND SPASMODIC,  
DRIVEN BY UNFORSEEN  
MEMORIES MOVING ME  
IN SUDDEN GUSTS.



I  
PREFERRED  
AND  
VALUED  
THESE  
PRIVATE  
MOMENTS.

SO IF YOU  
SEE ME  
DASHING OUT OF  
A FUNERAL...

I'M  
OFF  
TO WALK  
AROUND THE  
BLOCK.

FOR SELF-PRESERVATION.  
TO PREVENT DROWNING.



I'LL RETURN WITH UNACCUSTOMED  
HUGGING AND SMALL-TALK WHEN

THE  
REFRESHMENTS  
ARE  
SERVED.



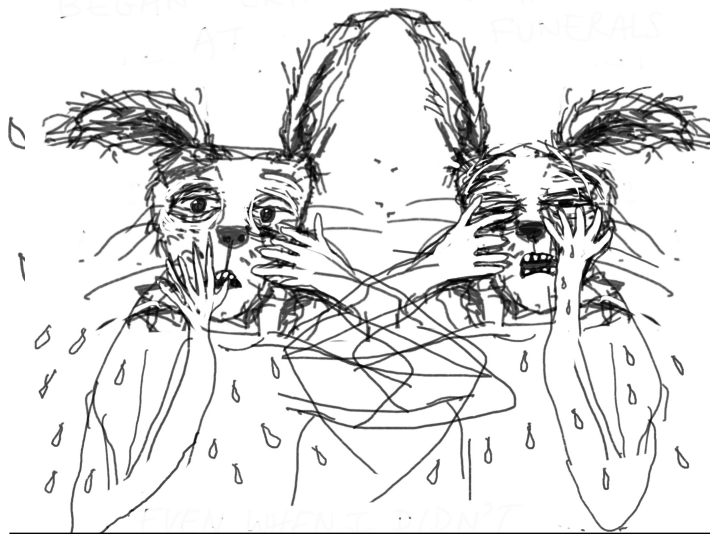
ANYWAY I THINK IT'S  
BETTER TO HONOUR  
PEOPLE WHILST THEY  
ARE ALIVE-

SO I'LL  
TRY  
TO CATCH  
UP WITH  
YOU  
MORE  
OFTEN  
AND  
TELL  
YOU  
HOW  
FABULOUS  
YOU  
ARE...

BEFORE  
YOU  
DIE







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