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## My Father's Funeral

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IT  
ALL  
LOOKED  
TEMPORARY  
RANDOM  
SINGULARITY

IN  
SOME  
PARALLEL  
TIME  
AND  
SPACE

EVERY  
BODY  
LANDED  
SUDDENLY

FROM  
SOME  
PLACE  
UN  
KNOWN

GATHERED  
AS  
IN  
A  
DREAM

NO  
BODY  
LOOKED  
AGED

GARA  
AHMET  
SADIK  
DJEMO  
JUSUF  
MURAT  
KIBAN  
HAJRUDIN

TIME  
HAS  
STOPPED  
TEMPORARY

GRAVE  
DUG  
IN  
HARSH  
BOSNIAN  
SOIL

WRAPPED  
BODY  
LAID  
TO  
REST

WOODEN  
PLANKS  
ORDERLY  
ANGLED  
NEXT  
TO  
EACH  
OTHER

GROUND  
HASTILY  
THROWN  
OVER

FRAGRANT  
HIGH  
MOUNTAIN  
GRASS  
TRAMPLED  
DOWN

ONE

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MORE  
GRAVE  
IN  
THE  
GRAVE  
YARD

ACROSS  
FROM  
THE  
WALLS  
WITHOUT  
THE  
ROOFS  
REMOVED  
FOR  
50-TH  
YEARLY  
CLEANSING

ALL  
PRESENT  
BEAUTIFUL  
SCENT  
OF  
HIGH  
MOUNTAIN  
GRASS

DISTANT  
VOICES  
OF  
INVISIBLE  
BIRDS

FAR  
OVER  
HEAD

UNDER  
NEATH  
SCATTERED  
SUMMER  
CLOUDS

MOUNTAIN  
HOMAR  
COVERED  
WITH

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MY  
FATHER'S  
TREES  
PLANTED  
LONG  
AGO

DENSE  
OVER  
GROWN  
UN  
MAINTAINED  
FOREST

ACROSS  
FROM  
THE  
BALD  
AND  
BARREN  
DISTANT  
HILLS

FEW  
SIMPLE  
FLOWERS  
GROWING  
NEXT  
TO  
THE  
OLD  
GRAVES

TIME  
STANDING  
STILL

ETERNALLY  
YOUNG

NAZIF  
MEJRA  
EMIR  
VEJSIL  
FIKRETA  
ISMET

NEXT  
TO

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YET  
UN  
MARKED  
PLACE

WITH  
FEW  
STALKS  
OF  
WALKED  
OVER

UN  
PRETENTIOUS

BOSNIAN  
MOUNTAIN  
SCENTED  
FLOWERS

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