

Things to Like and Not Like in America

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A patch of grass off the I-80 entrance ramp
An ironic memory offered at a Jersey funeral
A patch of grass on the highway's shoulder
A lovely lawyer sings the 21st psalm
A hearse that stops beyond a light
A gas station, abandoned on the right
An honest observation
Made in eulogy

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All the junk that's said before or after that funeral
The details in the rocks of our country's schizophrenic body
The parts of the Interstate where blood red rock is obscured by
a metal fence
How soft-hearted kids are put in hard-hearted hearses
How even death don't get a proper funeral

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Just so much stuff not to like in America
So much stuff so much stuff so much American stuff
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