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Farewell, Lefty

I kiss you in your coffin,
but the final goodbye isn't sung.
Hard to believe you're gone.

Almost impossible to think
of the days ahead without you,
as if you never existed.

What was it all for, the struggle
to believe in something better,
less conspicuously brutal?

The system builders are long dead,
over a hundred years,
but it didn't stop you believing.

So much for great uncle history.
my final hope –
this last goodbye will suffice.

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