Another man is buried

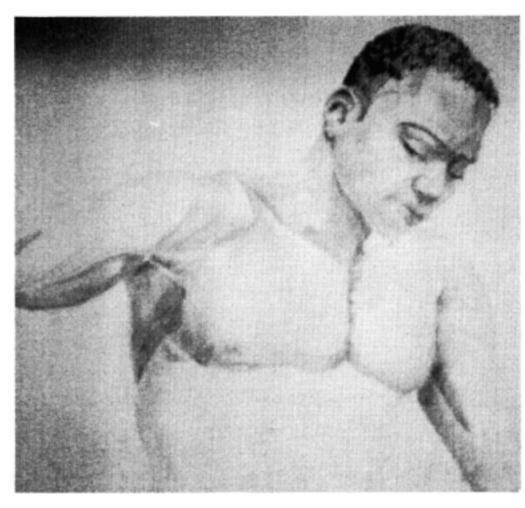


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Another man is buried
     In the
     Red flag
     Of my
     Heart
In the chickenwire people
Another man is buried
    Who had only his hands
      and the
Hammer, the welding torch, the drill
    That he laid down
    For the roses
    And the blue barking
           of a loudspeaker
and the crowds, the bees around the beehive
    of a grave
    and the ink pours
         from the bodies:
the poetry of newspaper reports
written with the blood
  of comrades
         comrades smuggled through the
roadblocks of the brain
and dissolved
     in the test tubes
     of
     the
     workers science
     and the belief
     in man
and released from the past
with baggage on airports
     a man without fear
     among fearless people
     a man
     with a hammer
     or a man
     on a tractor
     or a man
     underground
     with a lunch box
     or the man with brittle fingers
     pushes the uniform lightly
     under the needle of a sewing machine
     the ghost in the mirror
     comrade which I can see
     but the eye not itself
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In their fearlessness