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## Silent State

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Local names, lowered  
one by one, oppress  
the silence.

Without dignity  
they rest face down, stamped  
into anonymous sites, clinging  
to an earth-covered  
mother

whose face blushes  
across confidential files, spied  
with a mouthful of muzzle,

while a hired executioner  
stands tall, impotent  
and musclebound with overdeveloped arms.

*Cam Martin*