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after Susan Rothenberg

In the apple orchard, dragged
well somebody did, thick footsteps
in the bee mud, a dog, dead
& carefully scooped away Sunday's
grass heap cuttings & left
the dog to beetles. Carefully
scooped lumps of the grass back
over & it was perfect almost, until
my brother sneaking to meet a girl
heard the raccoons grunting like seals
pawing the dog's stiff leg out
my brother with a white bic lighter
raccoon scatter, autumn & count
until forever, then you are done.