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Just Dust and Stone

**Living Will**

*the aftermath*

emptying the wallet  
a last untorn photo  
crumbles

*of everything we were*

*late vigil  
candles in the chapel  
down to their last*

*wind blown leaves*

this age forever  
the bicycle's  
dead stop

**Clear Cut**

forest floor

*hive mind  
working together  
to look away*

we step on life

stumbling over a root  
how to give ground  
to a tree

we don't see living

*rising heat  
cicada song answered  
by a chainsaw*

Peter Jastermsky  
*Bryan Rickert*

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