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yew needs dried blood in spring

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blood ancestry
phantoms

graveyard cadavers
spicing the soil

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iron rusted
pump valves

good for scattering
from plastic tubs

feeding yew
crooked elbow

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no gravestones
poor yew transplanted

wide-lipped pots
ornamental

shape clipped
wind curves

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moles tubers
worm roots wait

for spring
when dried blood scatters