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By **Marian Calabro**

“Rememory ... nothing ever dies Nothing ever does.”
-- Toni Morrison, *Beloved*

Energy transforms. Nothing ever dies.
Yesterday’s magazine, today’s collage.
Your grandmother’s smile on your niece’s face.
On a stage somewhere tonight, every night,
An actor says: To be or not to be.
Horses, once the fastest means of travel,
Still gallop and are loved just for themselves.
A million books in a once-dead language,
Yiddish, live on in Yankee Massachusetts.
Peony bushes bloom for fifty years,
And you can plant another peony
In a different color when the time comes.

This sonnet is compost from one weekend.
Nothing ever dies. Nothing ever does.

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