

bury them in the garden  
wrap them in all of their wigs  
a color for every occasion  
fill mason jars with their lotions, makeup, and perfumes  
spell out their name with gold-plated chains  
the greener the better  
tarnish is a cherished jewel  
plant their shoes at their feet  
descending in order of height  
organize by color within this range to weave  
a flag of vinyl, suede, canvas, and rubber  
in the spring, when the rains  
tipples away at the topsoil  
uproot the horns that float to the surface  
arrange them by size and girth  
interlace them between your fingers  
hold their hands again  
peel the taproots  
cutting off the shoots is optional  
place them in a pan on medium heat  
baste them in chili powder,  
maple syrup, supplement with other favorite  
sweets and spices  
cook until the smell gets you  
share with family  
or someone who needs one

*A Grief Spell for Queer  
Ancestors*

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