

## **A Plot in Arizona**

Though some remain more or less upright  
as they were at the time of the ceremony,  
most are tilted or fallen in disarray,  
sunken to some degree into the earth  
among the catclaw and tumbleweed.  
Some lie face down so may, like the more recent,  
still bear words; most have long been defaced  
by wind and sand and water, so all we know  
is the usual: some one died,  
someone cared enough to put the remains  
in the ground and mark the place with a stone  
where some before their time had done the same  
until there was no one left there to keep it up.