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Holes

Ripon Handique

Whose underwear has
holes
at the backside

is the one
who has lived life
to the fullest

by imbibing
the true meaning, by default,
of abstinence

from all worldly desires,
cares and concerns
that grind and belittle and cage

the true renunciator
on his way to
universal acclaim reverberating

through the barren desert,
the dark ocean floor, and the silence
of a graveyard

by attaining the highest state
imaginable
for anyone so humble

by no choice
afforded
by his means-

a death
on the cold, broken, overcrowded
government hospital floor

to be celebrated
and lionized
with undecipherable eulogies

by buzzing flies
enforcing
a no-fly zone

over their fallen
benefactor,
whose unkempt shack

by the overflowing municipal
drain and dump
had wholeheartedly ever

welcomed and hosted
their continents
since time immemorial.