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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.