

Graves Of The Archangels

Dead Congregation

Rotted bones turn in earth:
while eye almighty gazes
Sealed behind its lid
bound by triangular coffin.

Rotted bones turn in the earth
beetles crawl undivine tissue

Soil shifts by movement
remnant seeks another ---

A predator's decayed wing
decorates foreign torso
A lion's claws, old horns of ox
& a manlike face rises monstrous

Raphael, Sandalfon, Michael, Uriel:
fourfold immortality rid of life
Debased in mortal graves
In a shameful uprising rejoined

Fourfold immortality rid of life,
fourfold renunciation of
fourfold blasphemy of death.

Denying their father once holy:
on arbitrary anatomy
This hideous mass rises
to replace