

where do pigeons go to die

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do they flit off to the suburbs
away from the honking and rush of the city
to leave life behind
as their ancestors did
quietly, amid trees and stumps
on a soft bed of leaves
or perhaps
they stretch their ancient wings
one last time
to perch on the highest rooftop
and die as they lived
with the best views
of the city they love
or
does death steal them away
in the night
unwitting
like a black shadow
robbing them
of any such dignity

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