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The Burial of the Angel

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Under the drying leaves,
A rotten smell
Of death can be seen...
Facing the machine,
Sara is fighting for life
Heading to school,
Enlightened,
The pen is her tool.
Excited,
kissing her mom
Taking a sandwich with ham
Carrying the new pink bag
Flapping like a free bird
Ignoring the heavy load,
leaving Home,
The Home is the haven
Demolition, the shadow of a
raven.
Sudden whispers from heaven:
Go, go your way,
Our little creature,
Keep shining every day,
We hanker after Your feature.
A cherub murmurs:
Soon, you'll be
The Bird of Paradise.
Oh, little Angel!
Digging deep the fence
Cold-blooded scandal ...
Corruption is intense,
How dare they ask for defence?
One dark dawn
Sends its deadly spears,
Excavated your tomb is
To shake their conscience
And quake their fears,
Daunted they will be,
Fallen into His disfavour
Till doomsday.
Farewell, Sara, farewell
Sleep well
My sweet Angel,
Your pillow, Your bed, gathered, piece by piece

Your soul is still hovering next door
May It rest in peace,
You are in the best place, I am sure.
No more to say
At last, You found your way,
Commemorated,
In our memory, You will remain...

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