

## Faceless Tombstone

troll too old  
for trick or treat  
he draws closer  
to the black cat  
twirling her tail

rb

rolling sweets  
on my tongue  
I remember  
the kisses  
of autumn lovers

sp

cinnamon drops  
burning holes  
in my bucket  
my heart's tune  
flares into flames

js

the flame  
in the jack-o-lantern  
brushed out  
by a cold  
new wind

cb

it's been  
unusually cold  
the days grow shorter  
my hair still tussled  
just the way you left it

dt

trapped with  
a pumpkin on my head  
I choose  
my next target  
Ichabod Crane

br

Ichabod Crane  
known to me  
as Johnny Dep . . .  
a nightmare  
with a happy ending

me

two headstones  
joined by a stone heart—  
I wonder how  
to tell if this  
is a happy ending

bm

no wind, a gale!  
cutting through my coat  
my hands, frozen claws  
my feet, numb bricks  
just had to have that drink

ok

out of the darkness  
into my heart  
the cold touch  
of a ghost  
who knows my name

oo

rubbing charcoal  
onto newsprint  
trying to reveal  
the carved letters  
of someone's ancestor

rb

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