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Writing Prompt (courtesy of Erica Dawson):

It sounds awful, and it's super weird, but look at Levertov's "A Day Begins." Write your own poem where an animal is dead or dies. It's going to seem gratuitous and maybe silly; but, being able to look at a death that isn't human but is just the same as human...there's always something poignant there.