

Ode to Silence

Hush!

Elizabeth Taylor has died.

Escorted by white, stretch limos that seat twenty,
In an intimate, private ceremony,
She was interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery
Alongside other stars
Whose lights outshone the night sky.
Her name the first word spoken on every newscast.

Other great and good have died
Whose names were not even whispered—

By anyone.