



## **My Funeral**

I hope I can trust you, friends,  
not to use our relationship  
As an excuse for an unsolicited  
ego-trip.

I have seen enough of them at  
funerals and they make me  
cross.

At this one, though deceased, I  
aim to be the boss.

If you are asked to talk about me  
for five minutes, please do not go  
on for eight.

There is a strict timetable at the  
crematorium and nobody wants  
to be late.

If invited to read a poem, just  
read the bloody poem. If  
requested

To sing a song, just sing it, as  
suggested,

And don't say anything. Though I  
will not be there,

Glancing pointedly at my watch  
and fixing the speaker with a  
malevolent stare.

Remember that this was how I  
always reacted

When I felt that anybody's  
speech, sermon or poetry  
reading was becoming too

protracted.

Yes, I was intolerant, and not  
always polite

And if there aren't many people  
at my funeral, it will serve me  
right.

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