Ghosts of New Orleans
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In memory of PJ

Your most famous are dirty.
Seductive.
Easy.

Wafting, magnolia-scented,
out of catacombs and thru
cast-iron gates.

Your less famous we love.
A peacekeeper.
Quiet.

Resting on a bench
in your underbelly
with a book
and a bottle.

The one we hope
will come home.