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When someone dies, the clothes are so _____ Adjective _____. They have outlived

their usefulness and cannot get _____ Adjective _____ and _____ Adjective _____.
You talk to the clothes and explain that he is not coming back

as when he showed up _____ Adjective _____ dressed in slacks and plaid jacket

and had that _____ Adjective _____ smile on and you'd talk.
You'd go to get something and come back and he'd be gone.

You explain death to the clothes like that dream.

You tell them how much you miss the spouse

and how much you miss the pet with its little winter sweater.

You tell the _____ Adjective _____ raincoat that if you talk about it,

you will finally let grief out. The ancients etched the words

for battle and victory onto their shields and then they went out

and fought to the last breath. Words have that kind of power

you remind the clothes that remain in the drawer, arms _____ Adjective _____
folded

across the chest, or slung across the backs of chairs,

or hanging inside the _____ Adjective closet. Do with us what you will,

they faintly sigh, as you close the door on them.

He is gone and no one can tell us where.