it available to the writer.

[10] Unpublished letter to Eric Knight, 28 January 1933, in the collection of Lewis Jacobs.

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ARCHBISHOP ABSALON
(d. 1201, buried Sorö, Denmark)

Four times buried within eight hundred years,
three times exhumed, Archbishop Absalon
is said to be in worsening shape today
although in good health on the day he died.

A further resurrection is in hand
for him. Some fragments of pontificals,
a wisp of hair, his walrus crozier
and sapphire ring are labelled in a case.

His bones are reinterred by X-ray prints,
grey shadows hanging on a whitewashed wall,
show more than he saw himself,
make him a last
bleak fresco for the aisle which he walked.