

periodically but essentially
youth must sweep out the dead...

have an estate sale
throw away the accumulation of bedside medicines
replace the period pictures
repaint the rooms with holistic pigments
replace locks to prevent reentry
update the window treatments
change the tired sheets soiled with old matter
oil the hinges that creak and do not fully open
clean the slow dark growth in the bathroom
cancel old deliveries
resurface the surfaces of old surfaces.

and live in it
or sell it off to the newly arrived
 before the restorationists descend
 and declare it an historical site
 with their past tense feelings
 about meaning in time.

i mean to say i am empathetic
 to our origins
 and even i want to be remembered
 but recognize youth does not want to sleep in a tomb.

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